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Rome Orders Surrender Of Abyssinia?

Save Italian Families From Revenge

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT)
LONDON, April 3.

IT is reliably understood that the Duke of Aosta, the Italian Commander-in-Chief in East Africa, has been asked to surrender Eritrea and Abyssinia to save Italian families from the fury of victory-flushed Abyssinians.

East African Campaign Draws To A Close

CAIRO April 3.

British forward troops have captured Miesso about 180 miles from Addis Ababa, states to-day's Cairo communique. The advance continues.

Messages Dropped Over Addis Ababa

MESSAGES WERE DROPPED ON ADDIS ABABA BY PARACHUTE FROM SOUTH AFRICAN AIR FORCE PLANES ON TUESDAY. SIMILAR MESSAGES WERE DROPPED ON ADOWA AND AWASH.

ROUND-UP IN ERITREA

A large number of prisoners have been taken in Eritrea and many more are being rounded up. A considerable number of guns and war materials were also captured. Operations are continuing southward from Asmara. British forward troops have withdrawn to positions north of Agedabia in Libya. This movement was followed up by enemy mechanised forces.

PRESSING TOWARDS ADDIS ABABA

Steady British advance towards Addis Ababa on the Harar front and "grave concern" for the safety of Italian civilians are recorded in a communique. Our advance towards Addis Ababa on the Harar front, it says, is being maintained. "Following recent reports, grave concern is felt that the Italians may delay their request for protection, until it is too late for our forces to prevent anti-Italian natives from seeking vengeance and causing casualties among both soldiers and civilians."

MOPPING—UP

In the Yavello sector in Southern Abyssinia, Soroppa was captured after an engagement lasting four hours. The enemy lost sixty killed or wounded and 200 prisoners including seventeen Europeans were taken. Our casualties were negligible.

In the Neghelli area, our troops successfully engaged an enemy force, killing 28 and capturing 50. Yesterday our troops carried out mopping-up operations in Eastern Somaliland and engaged a force of armed native levies killing ten and capturing 96 as well as 700 camels. Our casualties were nil.

RADIO PROPAGANDA

The Italians in East Africa are now hearing the facts of the war situation. A daily news bulletin in Italian is being broadcast in Italian Somaliland and in Abyssinia from Nairobi. The British authorities started an Italian newspaper in Mogadishu which gives the main war news including British, German and Italian communiques.

An Italian High Command communique belatedly admits the loss of Asmara stating "in order to avoid further enemy bombardment of Asmara, the city has been evacuated by our troops".

Tribute To Indian Navy

An Admiralty communique says that the Royal Indian Navy played a notable part in the operations that preceded the fall of

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ON ALBANIAN FRONT

98 Italian 'Planes Destroyed In A Month

ATHENS, April 3.

An Italian air-raid on Volos on Wednesday proved very costly for "the insignificant damage." This is reported in a 'communique' from the R.A.F. Headquarters in Greece. Three out of four raiders were shot down by intercepting British fighters.

In contrast to this there was a costless successful British raid on Tepelini. Barracks and buildings were straddled with a stick of bombs and explosions were caused in a store. All the British planes returned safely from the raid, concludes the 'communique.'

178 ENEMY PLANES DESTROYED

One hundred and seventy-eight Italian aircraft were destroyed in the Middle East theatre of war during March, it is learned in London. R.A.F. and Dominion Pilots shot down 125, anti-aircraft gunners accounted for 21, while 32 were destroyed on the ground.

Ninety-eight of the total were destroyed in Albania, 34 at Malta and 31 in East Africa. The figures for East Africa, it is stated, would undoubtedly have been much greater had it not been for the fact that the Italians now have greatly reduced numbers of aircraft available for operations in East Africa. On numerous occasions British pilots returned to report that no enemy aircraft were sighted.

Nineteen R.A.F. aircraft were lost but four pilots were saved.—Reuter.

HUNGARIAN PREMIER COMMITS SUICIDE!

Teleki Prefers Death To Dishonour

FIRST TASTE OF NAZI NEW ORDER

BUDAPEST, April 3.

Count Teleki, the Prime Minister of Hungary, committed suicide during the night and the body was discovered in his room this morning.

He left a letter declaring that he did not feel able to carry on his difficult and unhappy task.

Although efforts were made to keep the news from the Hungarian people, these were unsuccessful and a most profound impression has been caused throughout the country.

SHOT HIMSELF WITH A PISTOL

VICHY, April 3.

A Budapest dispatch states that Count Teleki shot himself through the right temple with a pistol.

NOT SUICIDE?

Reports published abroad that the Hungarian Prime Minister, Count Teleki, committed suicide are denied in Budapest Foreign Office circles, according to a dispatch from the Hungarian capital to the Transradio News Agency.

Reports that Count Teleki's wife had died are also denied in the same circles. They stated, however, that she is in hospital after a grave accident, the nature of which is not known.

The Hungarian Cabinet has resigned, in accordance with custom, following the death of the Prime Minister, Count Teleki, says a Budapest dispatch to the Official Italian News Agency. The Regent, Admiral Horthy, has asked the Ministers to continue in Office under the temporary Premiership of Doctor Keresztes-Fischer, Minister of Interior.

Count Teleki, the Hungarian Prime Minister, is Hungary's first victim under the Tripartite Pact. He committed suicide because he "could not carry on his difficult and unhappy task," says Reuter's diplomatic correspondent. This burden was entirely due to the German pressure on Hungary to break with Yugoslavia.

One of Count Teleki's proudest successes was his agreement with Yugoslavia, removing the causes of political friction between the two countries and establishing the basis of peaceful collaboration in mutual confidence and economic understanding. Germany evidently cannot tolerate friendship between the vassal Hungary and the independent-spirited Yugoslavia and Count Teleki, who had shown courage and conscientiousness in administration, has felt the struggle between his principles and German pressure more than he could face. He has taken the way out that seemed to him easier.

There are many politicians in Budapest who might be willing tools of Germany, but Admiral Horthy is also a man of independent mould and his choice of a successor to Count Teleki may delay, if it does not circumvent, German plans.

The Bulgarians who also were very delighted with their pact of perpetual friendship with Yugoslavia are similarly being dragooned, into opposition. The Bulgar-Yugoslav rapprochement was a very real thing and had greatly contributed to the pacification of the Balkans. The Germans will not find it easy to poison the relations between the two peoples even if they drive Bulgarians into an appearance of open enmity.

(From Our Correspondent).
LONDON, April 3

It is learnt that the visit of Mr. Matsuoka, the Japanese Foreign Minister, to Vichy is now certain.

ON THE ERITREAN FRONT.

Indian troops manning A.A. post at Tessenei.

Japanese Seize British Ships With Cargoes

Matsuoka Predicts Axis Pact Will Last For A Century: Berlin Speeches, A Threat To Australian Security

LONDON, April 3.

The Japanese authorities are reported to have seized five British lighters in the port of Shanghai. The cargoes have been removed by the Japanese on the pretext that they were destined for the Chungking Government. The British Consul in Shanghai is reported to have lodged a strong protest.—Reuter.

AXIS PACT WILL LAST A CENTURY!

TOKYO, April 3.

The prediction that the Three-Power Pact would last for a century was made by Mr. Matsuoka before leaving Rome for Berlin to-day, according to a Rome despatch to the Domei News Agency.

Mr. Matsuoka said that the Pact differed from ordinary alliances which were inspired by the common interests of the signatories as it was based upon the ideal of creating a new world order which was shared by the three Powers.

Meeting With Pope

"Mr. Matsuoka's meeting with the Pope when the Japanese Foreign Minister heard the Papal views on conditions for peace was extremely valuable, although the time is not yet ripe for a peace conference," says the "Asahi Shimbun." The newspaper assumes that the Vatican now understands in the correct light Japanese plans for "a new order throughout Greater East Asia."—

MATSUOKA TO VISIT SPAIN

(From Our Correspondent).
LONDON, April 3.

The "Daily Express" Foreign Editor writes in that paper that Mr. Matsuoka, Japanese Foreign Minister, is expecting an invitation to visit General Franco to make the final attempt to bring Spain into the Tripartite pact.

Afghan Economic Mission For Tokyo

TOKYO, April 3.

The Economic Mission from Afghanistan landed at Kobe today from Shanghai and proceeds to Tokyo to-morrow.

The Mission is headed by the vice-Minister for Economy, Ghulam Khan.—Reuter.

Sir F. Stewart Indicts Matsuoka's Speeches In Berlin And Rome

CANBERRA, April 3.

Mr. Matsuoka's speeches in Berlin and Rome would be a disservice to the cause of understanding in the Pacific, said Sir Fredrick Stewart, Minister for External Affairs, speaking in the House of Representatives.

The Minister said that if Mr. Matsuoka had been correctly reported in stating that Japan sided with the Axis in all circumstances and wished them complete success and if this statement represented the Japanese Government's considered views, those views could not aid understanding in the Pacific.

We stand by our belief in negotiation, Sir Fredrick Stewart said, but when signs appear that other influences are entering Pacific affairs threatening our security, we are resolved and are capable of defending ourselves.—Reuter.

Safeguards Against Crisis

New Clearing Plan And Margin System For Share Market

("Chronicle" Special)

A special meeting of the members of the Native Share and Stock Brokers' was held on Thursday, when Mr. K. R. P. Shroff presided.

Mr. Shroff presented a special plan for the approval of the General body. He said that the Share Bazar had to pass through crisis often, and to safeguard the interests of members, investors and Badliwalas, it was necessary to introduce the margin system of 15 per cent. He explained the scheme to the members. He pointed out that the members should demand margins from clients, when prices fluctuated either way over the last Havala price.

There were suggestions for a margin ranging from 10 to 15 per cent. There was another suggestion that when prices advanced, no margin should be demanded.

Mr. Jamnadas Morarji opposed the scheme and feared that genuine brokers would suffer and the scheme would strengthen 'bear' cliques.

Mr. Amratlal Kalidas favoured the scheme to avoid closing down of normal trading.

Mr. Chunilal Devkaran moved an amendment that when prices declined 10 per cent below the official rates, margin should be demanded and clearing should be done; and if the prices recovered to the official level, margins must be called and refunded to clients, and clearing should be held. But when prices moved above the official rate, there was no need for special clearing. The limit of 10 per cent should be fixed for special clearing for a period of one year.

He explained that his plan would effectively safeguard the market against any crisis. This amendment was carried it would remain in force for one year.

Belgrade Note For Moscow

(From Our Correspondent.)
LONDON, April 3.

Istanbul reports suggest that the Yugoslavia has sent an important Note last night to Stalin.

The Note which is presumed to be from General Simovitch, the Premier of Yugoslavia, is being sent by a special plane.

TURKEY TO AID YUGOSLAVIA

(From Our Correspondent).
LONDON, April 3.

Messages suggest that Germany is preparing for a march into Yugoslavia. Political circles here believe that Yugoslavia's reply to Hitler was cautious and non-committal and therefore unsatisfactory to Germany and the result is that a war is inevitable.

MEANWHILE, TURKEY, GREECE AND YUGOSLAVIA ARE FORMING A DEFENCE ALLIANCE.

A sensation was created last night by a report that Mussolini is ready to mediate between Yugoslavia and Germany. Evidently the Duce fears total loss of Albania, should a war break out between Germany and Yugoslavia, as the Serbs are not expected to make any difference between the Axis partners.

STUDENTS FEDERATION OFFICE SEARCHED

BOMBAY, April 3.

The office of the All-India Students' Federation was searched to-day by the Special Branch of the Bombay C. I. D. Some letters were seized.—United Press.

INDO-BURMA TRADE PACT

NEW DELHI, April 3

The memorandum setting out the points of agreement on the Indo-Burma trade was signed at 7 p.m. today by the delegations of the two countries.

The final conference between the delegations of the Governments of India and Burma took place this evening in the room of the Hon. the Commerce Member in the Secretariat. The conference lasted for an hour and a half. All the representatives of both the countries were present.

The conference adjourned for five minutes in the middle of discussions when the Delegations were photographed.

At 7 p.m. the Delegations of India and Burma appended their signatures to the memorandum setting out points of agreement.

It is learned that agreement hos been reached on all points and formal trade agreement on the basis of the memorandum would be drawn up and signed in due course. Meanwhile both the countries have got the basis of the agreement to act upon.

Mr. U. Ba Than was warmly congratulated as he came out from the Commerce Member's room. He told a representative of the "Associated Press": "There were moments of depression, but I never lost hope. I am glad the whole thing is satisfactorily settled."

The Government of India were represented by the Commerce Member, Sir A. Ramaswami Mudaliar and the Finance Member, Sir Jeremy Raisman. They were assisted by Sir Alan Lloyd, Mr. N. R. Pillai, Mr. M. Slade and Dr. Gregory.—A. P.

ARGENTINA & AXIS SHIPS

BUENOS AIRES, April 3.

Argentina is not expected to take any precipitate action over the 25 Axis ships of which 15 are Italian, now lying idle in Argentine ports.

The Argentine Cabinet has discussed the future of these ships, it is understood, but the outcome of their deliberations has not been disclosed.—Reuter.

STOP PRESS

NAZI RAIDS

LONDON, April 3.

Some enemy activity round the British coasts is reported to-day, but few hostile aircraft flew inland. Aircraft dropped bombs near a town on the south-east coast. London had no alert up to a late hour to-night, but enemy aircraft are believed to have been over several parts of the country soon after dark, including south-west and west country areas and a town in South Wales.—Reuter.

ADDIS-ABABA, AN OPEN TOWN

CAIRO, April 3.

It is expected in Cairo that Addis Ababa will be declared an open town, owing to the large number of Italian women and children there.—Reuter.

NEW FOREIGN MINISTER FOR CHINA

CHUNGKING, April 3.

Dr. Quo Tai-Chi, Chinese Ambassador in London, has been appointed Foreign Minister in succession to Wang Chung Hui it is officially announced.—Reuter.

RECALL OF NAVAL ATTACHE DEMANDED

American Govt.'s Note To Italian Ambassador

WASHINGTON, April 3.

The Secretary of State, Mr. Cordell Hull, acting on President Roosevelt's orders to-day has sent a Note to the Italian Ambassador demanding the immediate recall of the Italian Naval Attache here, Admiral Alberto Lais. It is alleged that Admiral Lais is connected with the sabotaging of Italian ships in American ports.

Charge Against Lais

The Note as published by the State Department says that Admiral Lais is "'persona non grata' to this Government as a Naval Attache of the Royal Italian Embassy in Washington." It requests "Your Excellency's Government to withdraw him immediately from United States."

The Note continues that the action is being taken because of "various facts and circumstances which have come to the attention of this Government connecting Admiral Lais with the commission by certain persons of acts in violation of the Laws of the United States". The President had decided that the continued presence of Admiral Lais "would no longer be agreeable to this Government," added the Note.

Mr. Hull said at a press conference that he was unable now to take up the question whether similar action might be taken against any German official in the United States.

Sabotage Charge

BOSTON (Massachusetts).—Ten German sailors, handcuffed in pairs, were charged before the Federal Court here to-day with sabotage aboard their tanker which had been seized by United States authorities. The accused men refused to plead.—Reuter.

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Legal Notices

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY.

ORDINARY ORIGINAL CIVIL JURISDICTION.

SUIT No. 328 of 1941.

TRIMBAK BHIMAJI AVTI, of Bombay Hindu Inhabitant, residing at Bhuleshwar, without the Fort of Bombay ..... Plaintiff.

Vs.

1. D. T. SHIDORE of Poona Hindu Inhabitant, residing at 423, Shukrawar Peth, Poona, in the District of Poona; (2) PURSHOTTAM R. PATWARDHAN, of Bombay Hindu Inhabitant residing at Kandewady, without the Fort of Bombay, both for themselves and other members of the Chhatrapati Motor Association, an Unregistered Association, carrying on business as Motor Car Transport Company at Bombay and other places; (3) N D. TELLY, of Narayangaon Hindu Inhabitant, residing at Narayangaon in the Poona District; (4) BABAN SADHU of Rajuri Hindu Inhabitant residing at Rajuri in the District of Poona and (5) The Chhatrapati Motor Association, a Firm carrying on business at Girgaum, without the Fort of Bombay ..... Defendants.

To,

(1) D. T. Shidore.
(2) Purshottam R. Patwardhan, for themselves and other members of the Chhatrapati Motor Association.

Notice under Order I, R.8 of the Code of Civil Procedure.

PURSUANT to the Order made by the Hon'ble Mr. Justice Somjee on the 20th day of March, 1941, Notice is hereby given under Order I, Rule 8 of the Code of Civil Procedure that the above Suit has been filed by the abovenamed Plaintiff against 'inter alia' the abovenamed Defendants 1 and 2 both for themselves and other members of the Chhatrapati Motor Association praying for the following reliefs:—

(a) that the Defendants may be ordered to pay to the Plaintiff the sum of Rs. 5,000|- or such other sum as to this Hon'ble Court may seem fit as and by way of damages, costs of the suit and interest on judgment at 6 per cent per annum till payment; and
(b) that the Plaintiff may have such further and other relief as the nature of the case may require.

AND TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the hearing of the suit has been fixed for the 23rd day of June, 1941.

Dated this 28th day of March, 1941.

Seal of the High Court at Bombay

(Sd.) G. G. MAHADEVIA, For Prothonotary & Senior Master,

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Apply with copies of testimonials on or before the 15th April, 1941 to:—

THE CHAIRMAN, Municipal Committee, Beawar

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Legal Notices

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Mr. JETHALAL RAMJI, KAMLAVATI, wife of Jethalal Ramji, Mr. MANGANLAL MULCHAND and Mr. CHUNILAL NAGJI VORA, the Trustees of a deed of settlement, dated 27th April, 1938, have agreed to sell the undermentioned property to our client.

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Dated this 1st day of April, 1941.

PAYNE & CO., Attorneys for Purchaser.

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CORRECTION

In the Notice regarding the sale of "Admirality" house, published in our issue of 3rd April, 1941 under the signature of Messrs. Pathare and Liladhar it was wrongly stated that Govindji Lalji Jobanputra had contracted to sell; but the correct statement should have been that Mr. Govindji Lalji Jobanputra has contracted to purchase the said property from Messrs. Dadabhai Pallonji Chowna and others.

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LOCK-OUT IN BANGALORE MILLS

Sequel To Stay-in-Strike; 4,000 Rendered Workless

BANGALORE: April 2.

About 4,000 operatives have been rendered workless following the management of the Maharaja and Minerva Mills (Textile) in Bangalore City declaring a lock-out of the mills this morning. This is a sequel to the stay-in strike resorted to by workers of both the mills as a protest against the meagre increase in their wages notified recently by the management.

The management of the Mills put up the following Notice this morning:—

"For the past few days the workmen have been wantonly slowing down production by slack work in key departments and have caused serious dislocation in the working and brought about complete or partial stoppage in all departments.

"Since yesterday from 8-30 a.m. the work men in all departments have stopped working and have shown no inclination to resume work. The night shift men, besides not working in the afternoon, went without staying for the night work.

"In these circumstances the management have no option but to decide to keep the mills closed until further notice."

It is understood the labourers approached the Labour Commissioner in Mysore and acquainted him with their grievances.—A. P.

DEFAMATION CASE AGAINST "NAVYUG"

Mrs. Violet Alva appeared on behalf of Pandit Indra in the defamation case which was filed in the Third Presidency Magistrate's Court on 26th November last in which he charged Acharya Atre, Editor, and P. G. Gadgil and Datta Bandekar, associate editors, and R. Y. Velde, Manager of the Marathi weekly "Navayug".

Notice was issued against all four and the notices were converted into summonses against all the four accused by Mr. Oscar Brown, the then Presidency Magistrate in the Third Court.

Mr. Talpade last week made an application before Mr. R. Mathalone that accused 2, 3 and 4 were discharged on the previous occasion and notice was converted to summons only against accused No. 1. The Magistrate reading out the order of his predecessor said that notices were converted into summonses against all the accused and he could not change that order. The matter was then referred to the Chief Presidency Magistrate who had passed the original orders and Mr. Talpade was told that the Magistrate could not change his orders.

A settlement was suggested by Mr. Mathalone but the complainant was not willing to agree.

Mr. Talpade asking for a date requested the court to exempt accused Nos. 2, 3 and 4 from attending as they are residing in Poona. Mrs. Violet Alva said she had no objection if the court allowed. The case will be heard on 13th May next.

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TWO THANA VILLAGES IN FLAMES

400 Maunds Of Paddy Burnt Down: 100 Souls Rendered Homeless

(From Our Correspondent.)

THANA, April 1.

Details about the serious damage suffered by two villages, Shirgaon from Murbad and Mugaon from Shahapur Talukas, from a disastrous fire are now available.

Twenty-five houses inhabited by about hundred Marathas are reported to have been gutted completely at Shirgaon. 400 maunds of haddy has been burnt. People are rendered homeless with the result that help by way of wood and seeds etc., is absolutely necessary. One Popatlal Rupchand from Shirgaon has donated an amount of Rs. 200 for the succour of these destitutes.

Damage at Mugaon village is reported to have been more serious. There the villagers could have put out the fire immediately but for the scarcity of water, the only well, which used to cater to the needs of the village had gone dry and the people had nothing to do but to watch helplessly the houses being burnt out.

The total damage due to the destruction of houses, grain, currency notes, untensils, clothes etc., is estimated to be Rs. 5,800 and odd with 114 souls males, females and children rendered destitute. The Collector of Thana has been approached by the villagers for help but upto-now nothing is done by way of substantial help.

Mr. Chotubhai Desai of the Gandhi Ashram, Thana, who visited the two villages recently, was informed by the villagers, as to the hardships they suffered from subordinates of the Forest Department. He has collected the necessary statistics and is moving the Revenue authorities in the matter.

HINDU WOMEN'S RIGHT TO PROPERTY

Governor-General's Special Refereence Before Federal Court

NEW DELHI, April 3.

The special reference from the Governor-General in the matter of the Hindu Women's rights to Property Act is fixed for hearing before the Federal Court on Tuesday April 15.

The questions of law to be decided are:—

(1) Does either the Hindu Women's Rights to Property Act, 1937 or the Hindu Women's Rights to Property (Amendment) Act, 1938 operate to regulate

(a) Succession to agricultural land?

(b) Devolution by survivorship of property other than agricultural land?

(2) Is the subject of devolution by survivorship of property other than agricultural land included in any of the entries in the three legislative lists in the Seventh Schedule to the Government of India Act 1935?.—A. P.

STAGE SET FOR MADRAS LEAGUE SESSION

MADRAS, April 3.

Preparations in connection with the forthcoming annual session of the All-India Muslim League are nearing completion. A huge pandal was constructed in the People's Park which will accommodate a large number of delegates and visitors.

The States Muslim Conference will also hold its session in the Pandal grounds of the Conference.

Besides a large number of ladies and League delegates including Sir Sikandar Hyat Khan, Mr. A. K. Fazlul Haq, Sir Khwaja Nazimuddin, Nawab Bahadur of Dacca, Nawab Ismail Khan, Sir Abdulla Haroon, Mir Bunde Ali Khan, Talpur, Sir Ali Mohmad Khan Dehlvi and Sir Currimbhoy Ibrahim, some Hindu leaders with no-party attachment and leaders of depressed class, to whom invitations were extended, are expected to attend the session.—United Press.

Free Grants Of Land To Ambernath Adivasi Families

(From Our Correspondent.)

THANA, April 1.

Thanks to the espousal of heir cause by the "Sentinel" from time to time during the past couple of years, the thirteen families of Adivasis (Katkaris) at Ambernath, have got now five acres of land for each family for cultivation from the Government.

No land has been given to the former lessee, with the result that these Adivasis will now be free to carry on their agricultural pursuits peacefully. Mr. Chotubhai Desai of the Gandhi Ashram, Thana, who had taken a keen interest in getting justice done to these aborigines, was present last week at Ambernath when the Mamlatdar of Kalyan distributed the lands amongst these families.

Tightening Control Over School Boards

Bombay Govt. Promulgates Notification

New Rules Make Line Clear To Teachers To Join Civic Guards And Assist War Efforts

The Director of Information, Bombay, writes:—

The Government of Bombay has very carefully considered the objections received against the draft amendments to Primary Education Rules 40, 41, 74, 141, 142 and Rules 13 and 19 in Schedule M which were notified on April 9, 1940, December 2, 1940, and February 25, 1941. These objections appear to be mainly due to a misunderstanding of the situation which has led to the necessity of the draft amendments. The draft rules were discussed by the Adviser to His Excellency the Governor with the members of the Provincial Board of Primary Education. The Government has now decided that the amendments to Primary Education Rules 40, 41, 141 and 142 and Rule 13 in Schedule M should be promulgated and the requisite notification is being published separately in the "Bombay Government Gazette". The considerations which weighed with the Government in proposing and finally promulgating the above amendments are briefly stated below.

AMENDMENT TO RULE 40: Rule 40A is a new rule. It provides that every general or special order or instruction relating to the administration and control of primary schools or the conduct of discipline of the teaching staff issued by the school board shall be transmitted through the Administrative Officer.

NOT AN INFRINGEMENT

RULE 41(2): The present rule 41 specifies the powers of the Administrative Officer under the Primary Education Act. The new sub-rule (2) provides that all the Administrative Officers, including those appointed by the Municipalities to whom the power of making such appointments has been delegated under Section 27A(1) of the Primary Education Act should be subject to the general instructions of the Director of Public Instruction in matters over which the School Board or the local authority does not exercise any control. It is contended that the new rule is an infringement of the rights and powers of the School Board and the Local Authority. This contention is not, however, tenable as the rule refers only to those matters "over which the School Board or the Local Authority does not exercise any control." The new rule will secure uniformity in principle in matters which are now entrusted to the Administrative Officers. This rule is, therefore, necessary in the interest of the efficiency of schools.

DEFENCE ACT LOOMS LARGE

RULE 142(2): The present rule 142 provides that no payment shall be made from a bank or from the Government Treasury out of the Primary Education Fund except upon a cheque signed by the Administrative Officer and countersigned by the Chairman of the School Board or in his absence by the Vice-Chairman or other member of the School Board to whom the power of countersigning cheques has been delegated by the Chairman.

Recently, both the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of a Board were imprisoned under the Defence of India Act and, as a result, there was considerable delay in drawing the money required for payment of salaries to teachers. The new sub-rule will empower the Director of Public Instruction to authorise any person to sign or countersign the cheques when the Director is satisfied that the cheques cannot be signed or countersigned by the persons mentioned in the present rule 142 and that it is necessary for the proper discharge of the functions of the School Board that the cheques should be signed or countersigned by some other person.

REPLY TO OBJECTIONS

The new rule has evoked considerable criticism. It is urged that provision should be made for empowering the President of the Local Authority to sign or countersign cheques which cannot be signed or countersigned by the Chairman or Vice-Chairman of the School Board and that only if the President of the Local Authority fails to sign or countersign the cheques should the Director exercise the power contained in this rule. As pointed out above the only object of the Government in making this rule is to avoid deadlocks in the administration of School Boards and the Government has, therefore, no objection to accepting the above suggestion. The Government will issue executive instructions to the effect that ordinarily the President of the Local Authority, if he is willing to co-operate in this respect, should be nominated under this Rule to sign or countersign the cheques. Care will also be taken to secure that the authority under this Rule is exercised only in respect of sanctioned or obligatory items of expenditure. It has also been decided that in cases where the Chairman or Vice-Chairman refuses to sign or countersign the cheques, the Director of Public Instruction should, as a matter of procedure, first satisfy himself that they have, without reasonable excuse, failed to sign the cheques and that for this purpose the Director should expressly call upon them to do so within a specified period. This will give them an opportunity to state, if they so desire, the reasons why they are refusing to sign or countersign the cheques. To safeguard the interest of School Boards the Government will issue necessary instruction with regard to the use of the powers vested in the Director of Public Instruction under this Rule.

TEACHERS AS CIVIC GUARDS

"Rule 13 in Schedule M to the Primary Education Rules"—Under present Rule 13 in Schedule M to the Primary Education Rules an officer or servant of a School Board cannot take up any "employment" without the previous sanction of the School Board. It has come to the notice of the Government that some School Boards are preventing their employees from joining the Civic Guards or from assisting the Government's war efforts. Some School Boards have passed resolutions so sweeping in character as to forbid teachers from engaging in any activity or undertaking any work except that of teaching. This is an unwarranted interference with the personal liberty of the teachers outside school hours. The teachers have a right to utilise their spare time in legitimate activities which do not conflict with their duties as teachers. It is not within the power of the School Board to check such activities or prevent the teachers from assisting the war effort by such occasional work as can be no stretch of imagination be regarded as objectionable or undesirable. The amended rule will enable School Board employees to participate in war efforts, join the Civic Guard and similar bodies without the specific permission of the Board provided that such work does not interfere with their legitimate official duties and provided that they are anxious to take up such work voluntarily.

As regards the remaining amendments, the Government is reconsidering them in the light of the objections received from the local bodies and the Provincial Board of Primary Education and final orders will issue in due course.

BASIC EDUCATION CONFERENCE

Will Be Held At Delhi From April 11 To 14

NEW DELHI, April 3.

Arrangements in connection with the Basic Education Conference which will be held at Jamianagar from April 11 to 14 are almost complete. Dr. Zakir Hussain will preside over the Conference. Dr. Rajendra Prasad who will inaugurate the conference arrives here on April 10. Mr. Arya Nayakam, Secretary of Hindustani Talimi Sangh, already arrived here in this connection.

Almost all the non-official basic education centres are sending their representatives and the Education Departments of various Provincial Governments and several States will also be represented. The Director of Public Instruction, Kashmir, will also attend.—United Press.

ANTI-PAKISTAN CONFERENCE

Master Tara Singh Elected President

KARACHI, April 3.

Master Tara Singh has been elected President of the forthcoming anti-Pakistan Conference at Karachi on April 13.

The conference will be held under the auspices of the Akali Khalsa Dal.—A. P.

RAJEN BABU AT SEVAGRAM

Leaves For Mysore With Mr. Dasappa

WARDHA, April 3

Dr. Rajendraprasad arrived here last night to meet Mahatma Gandhi. He leaves for Mysore this evening, with Mr. Dasappa, ex-President of the Mysore State Congress.—A. P.

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On The Air

FRIDAY, APRIL 4.

Bombay I—Programme

244 metres (1,231 kc/s)

8 a.m. Gujarati Todi 8-5 News in Marathi. 8-15 News in Gujarati. 8-25 Air Qawwali party. 8-40 News in Hindustani. 8-50 News in English. 9 Instrumental Trio. 9-10 Mumtaz Begam. 9-25 R. S. Chandavarkar. 9-35 Vimal Patki. 9-45 Picked from pictures. 9-50 Air Chorus. 12-30 p.m. Group of Ghazals. 12-57 News in Hindustani. 1 Film songs. 1-20 Geet, Qawwali and Naat. 1-20 Mutual understanding. 1-30 News in English. 1-35 Lunch hour music. 5 To-morrow. 5-5 Zahur Raja. 5-30 Sitar and Jaltarang. 5-25 News in Marathi 5-30 News in Gujarati 5 35 Rambhau Ashtekar. 6 News in English. 6-5 News in Hindustani. 6-10 Mumtaz Begam. 6-25 Durga on Dilruba. 6-30 Children's happy half-hour. 7 Shivaji—Founder of the Maratha Empire. 7-15 R. S. Chandavarkar. 7-25 Local news and announcements. 7-30 Vimal Patki. 7-45 Jaltarang Solo. 7-55 News in Marathi 8-10 News in Gujarati. 8-25 Topic of the day. 8-30 World affairs. 8-45 Sound news. 9 News in Hindustani. 9-20 News in English. 9-30 B B C News relay. 10 Mumtaz Begam 10-10 Vimal Patki. 10-20 Celluloid Choruses 10-30 Rambhau Ashtekar.

Bombay II —Programme

41.44 metres (7,240 kc/s)

8 to 8-5 a.m. As in Bombay 1. 8-5 Bhavgeets. 8-15 Sitar recital. 8 25 to 8-40 As in Bombay 1. 8-40 Rambhau Ashtekar. 9 to 10 As in Bombay 1.

31.4 metres (9,550 kc/s)

12-30 to 12-57 p.m. As in Bombay 1. 12-57 Ramkrishnabuwa Vaze. 1 to 1-30 As in Bombay 1. 1-30 Musical interlude. 1-35 to 2-25 As in Bombay 1.

61.48 metres (4.880 kc/s)

5 to 5-25 p.m. As in Bombay 1. 5-25 R. S. Chandavarkar. 5-35 to 6 As in Bombay 1. 6 Zahur Raja. 6-10 to 7-15 As in Bombay 1. 7-15 Interval.

89.15 metres (3,365 kc/s)

7-30 p.m. Commercial news. 7-45 to 7-55 As in Bombay 1. 7-55 Zahur Raja. 8-5 Solankarkar. 8-15 Air Qawwali party. 8-25 to 9 As in Bombay 1. 9 The Bombay Radio Orchestra. 9-10 Khayal in duet. 9-30 Mena Silas. 9-40 Raghbir Singh. 10 Band concert.

Delhi I—Programme

338.6 metres (886 kc/s)

5 p.m. Bibe Khan. 5-20 Bundu Khan. 5-30 Zohrabai. 5-45 Akhtar Jahan Akbarabadi. 6 News in English. 6-5 News in Hindustani. 6-10 Special announcements 6-15 Faiyaz Mohammad. 6-30 Kallan Qawwal and party. 6-45 Bundu Khan. 7 Do geet. 7-15 Chhote Drame. 7-30 For villagers only. 8-15 Songs from the stage. 8-20 Faiyaz Mohammad. 8-30 World affairs. 8-45 Kallan Qawwal and party. 9 News in Hindustani. 9-20 News in English. 9-30 B B C News relay. 9-45 Bundu Khan. 10-5 Bibe Khan. 10-25 Zohrabai. 10-35 Akhtar Khan Akbarabadi. 10-45 News in English.

Calcutta I—Programme

(Add 24 minutes to all timings for Calcutta time.)

370.4 metres (810 kc/s)

5 p.m. For the children. 5-45 News in Bengali. 5-50 Sailendra Nath Banerjee. 6 News in English. 6-5 Girls and boys come out to play. 6-40 Parimeeta. 8-40 Announcements in Bengali. 8-45 News in Bengali. 9 Samaresh Chowdhuri. 9-15 Announcements in English. 9-20 B B C News relay. 10 Nilima Banerjee. 10-20 Instrumental quartet.

RAILWAY TIME TABLE

G. I. P. Railway.

(On and from 1/4/1941)

	Arr. H.M.	Dep. H.M.
Madras Mail	6 00	22 00
Peshawar Express	5-15	22-45
Calcutta Mail (via Nagpur	8-45	19-15
Calcutta Mail (via Chheoki)	9-20	20-30
Madras Express	10 15	14 30
Poona Mail	10 30	17 30
Punjab Mail	11-30	17-45
Nagpur Express	15-00	21-00
Poona Express	19 30	08 05
Allahabad Express	20-00	07-00
Poona Fast Passenger	21-45	12-00

B. B. & C. I. Railway.

(Arrivals at and Departures from Bombay Central.)

(On and from 1/4/1941)

	Arr. H.M.	Dep H.M.
Ahmedabad Passenger	5 35	13 05
Delhi Express	6 00	22 15
Kathiawar Mail	5-50	21-30
Gujarat Mail	7-25	22-00
Frontier Mail	8 15	21 15
		(Mon) (Sat)
The Flying Ranee, Bulsar	*9 15	16 35
The Flying Ranee, Surat	*9-48	15-10
The Flying Ranee, Surat (Except Monday)	10 58	08 00
The Flying Ranee, Surat (Except Saturday)	00 00	18 05
Ahmedabad Passenger	14-15	23-30
Kathiawar Express	19 05	8 45
Baroda Passenger	20 48	9 00

*If Monday is a Bank Holiday, these trains will run on Tuesday.

Thundershowers & Thunderstorms

Poona April 3

Local thundershowers occurred in the North-West Frontier Province and Kashmir. Scattered thunderstorms also occurred in West Deccan, Central Provinces and Berar, while a few thundershowers were reported from the Punjab Hills and Malabar.

Chief amounts of rainfall: Dras one inch; Cochin three-quarters; Sonamarg a half; and Amraoti, Pendra, Murree, Srinagar and Drosh a quarter.

Temperature have fallen slightly along and near the North-West Frontier.

Forecast until fourth evening: Scattered thundershowers are likely in the Western Himalayas, Assam and Malabar. A few thunderstorms may also occur in North Hyderabad, Bombay Deccan, Central Provinces and Berar. There will be no large change in temperatures.—A.P.

COLABA OBSERVATORY, BOMBAY

Summary of Meteorological Observations during 24 hours ending 8 a.m. of 3-4-1941.

Change of 8 a.m. barometer in past 24 hours —.022 inches

Temperature (dry bulb) at 8 a.m. 82.0 degrees

Temperature (wet bulb) at 8 a.m. 77.4 degrees

Maximum temperature during 24 hours 89.1 degrees 1.4 (above normal)

Minimum temperature during 24 hours 78.2 degrees 4.2 (above normal)

Relative humidity at 8 a.m. 80 per cent.

Direction of wind at 8 a.m. SE

Velocity of wind at 8 a.m. 5 miles per hour

Total movement of wind in 24 hours 92 miles

Velocity of maximum gust of wind during 24 hours 14 miles per hour

Extent of cloud at 8 a.m. (the whole sky cloudy eq. 10) 4

OFFICIAL BAROMETER READING

DATED 3-4-1941

At 8-7 a.m. local time (8-46 a.m. Indian Standard Time) and temperature 84.8 deg. F., a mercury barometer without index error at mean sea level would actually read 30.06 inches and a compensated aneroid 29.87 inches

For correction of ships' instruments please subtract from the above official barometer reading 0.001" for every foot of elevation of the instrument above mean sea level.

Rise Of One Dollar Per Bale On N. Y. Cotton Exchange

GOOD TRADE AND LOCAL BUYING IN DISTANTS

Liverpool Controller's Move To Stabilise Cotton And Yarn Prices

BOMBAY, April 3.

The Liverpool cotton futures market is now closed down. The Controller is stabilising all cotton and yarn prices at the levels on 31st March, which are likely to remain operative until atleast 30th April.

Henceforth, prices will be stabilised for relatively long period. Pending the new distributing Company's inauguration, merchants have agreed to release cotton to spinners on Controller's instructions. From 1st April Government requisitions all cotton arrivals and stocks except consumers' stocks.

The New York cotton market advanced on Wednesday on expectations of favourable farm legislation developments and scarcity of contracts.

Chicago grains moved sharply higher on general replacement buying on more optimistic comment from Washington on increased parity payment proposals

It appears now certain that the Washington administration will have to raise loan levels although we have no definite news. The officials of the agricultural department have not declared their attention but the agitation for higher loans and approval by the Senate Committee of Bankhead and Smith Bills goes not leave any doubt and we believe that a move will be made to reduce cotton production.

NEW YORK MARKET

The New York cotton futures market opened at a decline of 5 points with July 11.09. During the second hour May delivery reached the lowest level for the day which was 11.14 or 4 pts under previous close. Later on there was increased buying and May advanced to 11.32 which was the highest level. Distant months were firm and the session closed at a net rise of 6 to 20 pts. Spot cotton prices advanced 6 pts at 11.54c per lb.

NEW ORLEANS MARKET

The New Orleans cotton futures market was firm with increased demand. There was scarcity of sellers and distant months recorded a sharp rise. The market closed at a net rise of 10 to 22 points. Spot cotton prices were reduced 10 pts at 11.13c per lb.

LOSS OF EXPORTS

Secretary of Agriculture Claude R. Wickard, in an address at the Farm and Home Week Convocation, Purdue University, asserted "It would be an error if we say that World War No. 2 is the sole cause for our almost complete loss of exports and that as soon as the war ends we will have what we think of as 'normal' exports." He asserted, further, that the trend of farm exports has been down since the turn of the century, not a constant decline but a definite trend. "Exports," he said, "fell off like a stone dropped from a tower after the Smoot-Hawley Tariff Act of 1930." The Reciprocal Trade Agreements programme, he said, offered some hope, but not enough.

BUYERS' MARKET

"If it is improbable," he said, "that our exports will return to what we regard as normal then the producers of wheat and cotton and lard and tobacco must prepare for a buyers' market, so far as world trade is concerned. And when there are huge supplies on the world market, it seems to me the only way to avoid cut-throat competition is to develop international agreements among the producing nations. Such agreements can be worked out, in a world at peace, and several might be in effect right now had not the war intervened. However, at best, we seem to be under the necessity of being prepared to export in smaller volume in the future."

CONTINUOUS DROP

Mr. Wickard took note of the fact that he was on controversial ground when he said: "How many years did it take us to realize that the last World War speeded up the decline in our exports. I can't answer the question because we still seem to be unable to get universal acceptance even of the fact that the declining trend has been going on—much less unanimity as to the cause."

PRIVATE CABLES—

New York highest 11.32+14 (2-16 p.m.); lowest 11.14—04 (11-35 a.m.)

Messrs. Chunilal Mehta and Co. Ltd. have received to-day the following cable information from their foreign friends:—

New York.—Market opened weak and later advanced on good trade and local buying in distants.

NEW YORK COTTON

New York: April 2.

May	11.24+06
July	11.24+10
October	11.21+19
December	11.19+20
January	11.17+19
March	11.15+17
Middling Spot	11.54+06

NEW ORLEANS COTTON

New Orleans: April 2.

May	11.33+10
July	11.29+11
October	11.29+21
December	11.26+22
January	11.22+20
March	11.22+20
Middling Spot	11.13—10

NEW YORK COTTON

New York: April 2.

	11 a.m. Call.	Noon Call.
May	11.15	11.13
July	11.12	11.10
October	11.01	11.00

NEW YORK COTTON DAILY STATISTICS

New York: April 2.

Day's receipts at all U S Ports	6,000 bales
Day's exports to Great Britain	Nil.
Day's exports to the Continent	Nil.
Day's exports to China and Japan	Nil.

IMPERIAL BANK OF INDIA

Statement of the affairs of the Imperial Bank of India on the 28th March 1941.

LIABILITIES	Rs.	Rs.
CAPITAL:—		
Authorised—2,25,000 shares of Rs. 500 each	11,25,00,000	
Issued and subscribed —2,25,000 shares of Rs. 500 each	11,25,00,000	
Called up—75,000 shares of Rs. 500 each, fully paid	3,75,00,000	
1,50,000 shares of Rs. 500 each, Rs. 125 paid	1,87,50,000	5,62,50,000
Reserve Liability of Shareholders—Rs. 375 per share on 1,50,000 shares	5,62,50,000	
Reserve Fund		5,62,50,000
Fixed Deposit, Savings Bank, Current and other Accounts		96,92,19,000
Loans against Securities per contra		—
Acceptances for Constituents		—
Sundries		68,99,000
	Rupees	108,86,18,000
ASSETS	Rs.	Rs.
INVESTMENTS:—		
Government Securities	51,37,46,000	
Other Authorised Investments	1,10,71,000	52,48,17,000
ADVANCES:—		
Loans	8,66,48,000	
Cash Credits and Overdrafts	25,06,26,000	
Bills Discounted and Purchased	4,91,10,000	38,63,84,000
Liability of Constituents for Acceptances per contra		1,81,66,000
Dead Stock		55,34,000
Sundries		
Bullion		
CASH:—		
In hand and with the Reserve Bank of India	14,11,17,000	
Balances with other Banks	1,16,00,000	15,27,17,000
	Rupees	108,86,18,000

London Stock Exchange Under Budget Influence

LONDON: April 2.

The Stock Exchange was subdued by the coming Budget, but closed steadier after early dullness. Gilt-edged met further small technical reaction and Home rails also received trifle, but industrials steadily held with small gains on Iron, Steels and Tobaccos. Oils were firm and Kaffirs were rather neglected. Among foreigners Japanese further advanced.

The Wall-Street market was dull.

LONDON RUBBER

London: April 2.

Smoked sheets standard ribbed per lb. 14 1/8.

FOUND FLOATING IN SEA

The dead body of Avanbai Shapurji Gharda (50) was found floating in the sea at Walkeshwar Road yesterday evening. The body was taken charge of by the police and sent to the morgue.

Mr. B. F. Bharucha, a clerk in the Reserve Bank, stated at the inquest to-day that the deceased was his aunt. Yesterday Avanbai left home in the afternoon for prayer at the sea and did not return. This morning he went to the mortuary and identified her dead body.

SHIPPING NEWS.

ARRIVED

Bombay, April 3

N Y Kaisha's Japanese s s Anyo Maru of 5741 reg tons, Captain S Simizu arrived from Karachi with raw cotton and general cargo.

IMPORTS

11968 bags soda ash; 99 drums elect cable; 64 pkgs biscuits; 51 cases table salt; 73 cases common salt; 88 bundles steel bars; 49 bales floor covering; 642 bags cut nails; 60 cases oster milk; 340 bundles stl conduit tubing; 450 d/bags steel nails; 307 cases cotton pcegoods; 150 bundles galvd steel tubes; 187 single galvd steel tubes; 74 cases books, covers, sheets etc; 65 pkgs cycles and parts; 68 matts glass bottles; 364 cases medicines, drugs; 59 rlls sheet lead; 45 pkgs lead pipes; 59 drums fish oil; 1131 pcs c i cisterns; 131 pcs w i galvd tubes; 126 bundles w i galvd tubes; 592 bags carbonate of magnesia; 67 bags bichromate of soda; 100 drums hydrosulphite of soda; 250 cases liver salts; 60 cases lump carbonate of ammonia; 177 bags broken tiles; 594 ctns accumulators; 51 cases lead plates; 1000 pkgs covers, tubes and flaps; 33 bags cycle covers; 50 kegs mercine glaze powder; 121 cases preserves; 353 pkgs machinery and parts; 800 bags boiler logging; 757 d/bags nails; 60 cases aluminium foil; 260 pcs steel tubes; 155 cases gin; 1000 lse asbestos cement pipes; 100 drums boiler fluid; 431 cases wine; 93 cases empty bottles; 1015 cases stout; 90 cases rum; 306 lse m s bars; 55 bundles m s bars; 432 cases ale; 961 ctns tiles; 77 cases tobacco; 144 cases cigarettes; 40 casks antimony regulus; 109 pkgs bend tubes; 40 casks patching material; 1729 cases sewing machines and parts thereof; 400 d/bags fire clay; 90 coils galvd steel wire strand; 1009 boxes window glass; 84 bales cardboards; 467 pkgs paint and colours; 1098 brls pitch; 106 pcs sau firecla ware; 1910 pcs sau earthenware; 5555 cases beer; 7384 cases whisky; 6493 bundles steel hoops; 80 bales wool; 209 cases rayon yarn; 2499 rolls roofing felt; 300 cases wincarnis; 110 cases fruit squash; 75 lse steel flats; 378 coils copper wire.

EXPORTS

700 bales raw cotton S R Tulshan and Co Ltd; 10 bales tanned cowhides Faiz and Co; 2772 bags myrabollams J Hasmukhlal and Co; 700 bales raw cotton Raghavji Kanji and Co; 315 bales dressed hemp Tayeballi Dawoodbhai; 58 bales hemp raw Tayeballi Dawoodbhai; 70 cases flea seed husks The Fazalbhai Ibrahim and Co Ltd; 20 bs tanned cowhides Cox and Kings (Agents) Ltd; 320 bags myrabollams H Raghavji and Co; 640 bags myrabollams K Tricamji; 76 bales cotton grey yarn R Shantilal and Co; 100 bales cotton grey yarn C Kasturchand; 15 bales cotton g m yarn Textile Export Ltd; 35 bales grey cotton yarn E D Sassoon and Co Ltd; 135 bales cotton pcegoods E D Sassoon and Co Ltd; 6310 bags groundnuts Ralli Bros Ltd; 8209 bags linseed Ralli Bros Ltd; 100 bales raw cotton Ralli Bros Ltd; 100 bales raw cotton Viram Ladha and Co; 100 bales raw cotton The Universal Cotton Trading Co; 100 bales raw cotton Suleman and Co Ltd; 100 bales raw cotton Shamji Karamsi and Co; 200 bales raw cotton Va sanjee Morarjee; 200 bales raw cotton N Nagshi and Co; 32 bales cotton pcegoods N M Bros and Co; 1848 bags myrabollams P Mathradas and Co Ltd; 800 bags soap stone Shaw Wallace and Co; 20 bales cowhides tanned M Esmail; 1576 bags myrabollams H Bhagwandas and Co; 320 bags myrabollams T Raghavji and Co; 125 bales cotton yarn Italindia Cotton Co Ltd; 500 bales cotton waste L O Vora; 59 bales cotton grey yarn G N Musry; 228 bales cotton pcegoods G N Musry; 228 bales cotton pcegoods G N Musry; 53 cases bristles Cox and Kings (Agents) Ltd; 25 bales raw cotton Volkart Bros; 33 cases bristles Rahim Aminoff; 200 bales raw cotton Anderson, Clayton and Co; 261 cases bristles D Abraham and Sons; 593 bags linseed Kishan Prasad and Co Ltd; 3816 bags gr nut kernels The East Asiatic Co (India); 100 bales raw cotton G Dossa and Co; 200 bales raw cotton N Futehally and Co; 6560 bags groundnuts Louis Dreyfus and Co; 8753 bags linseed Louis Dreyfus and Co; 38 bales d/s goat skins D Abraham and Sons; 100 bags gum N Devidas and Co; 354 bales hemp raw H K Kesharwalla; 3000 tons manganese ore James Finlay and Co Ltd; 300 bales cotton waste C Jairam and Co; 300 bales cotton waste G M Vyas and Co; 75 bales rough tanned leather D Abraham and Sons; 170 bales cotton yarn Sassoon J David and Co Ltd; 100 bales hemp raw G N Musry; 650 bales cotton grey yarn Cox and Kings (Agents) Ltd.

BOMBAY COTTON

Bombay: April 3.

Following a rise of 10 points in New York cotton futures, the local market opened today at Rs. 228 for Broach J/A delivery and advanced to Rs. 230 on scattered buying but later with increased selling prices declined to Rs. 225/8 and New Broach A/M was quoted at Rs. 213.

Yesterday no tender was issued against Broach A/M delivery and it is said that on the first day 200 bales tenders of superior cotton were issued. Out of this 50 bales were passed and 150 bales were rejected but an appeal is made. It is also said that the quality being superior those who accepted tenders and had to pay very high prices. Thus the market seems in a pessimistic mood and professionals are trying to get out. In this process the technical condition will improve, but once sentiment changes it takes time to restore confidence.

There was moderate selling and prices declined to Rs. 224/8. At the decline professionals came out to support the market and prices advanced to Rs. 228/8, but reacted to Rs. 226/8 on selling by commission houses. There were rapid movements in prices and Broach J/A declined to Rs. 224. Professional operators are making attempts to master the situation. The market closed at 5 p.m. as under:—

F G M G Broach April/May 1941	Rs. 227/4
F G M G Broach July/August	Rs.223/12
F G M G Broach April/May 1942	Rs. 210/4
Fine M G Oomra May	Rs. 163/8
Fine M G Oomra July	Rs. 163/0
Fine M G Oomra Dec/Janry.	Rs. 167/0
F G M G Bengal May	Rs. 126/8
F G M G Bengal July	Rs. 127/0

COTTON ROOM RATES

Bombay: April 3.

	Extra Spr.	fine.	Sup.	Fine.	F.G.	Good
M G Bengal U P		134	132	130	128	
M G Punjab		134	132	130	128	
M G Rajputana		139	137	135	133	
M G Oomra No. 3	172	169	166	163	...	
M G C. P. No. 1	205	202	199	196	...	
M G C. P. No. 2	186	183	180	177	...	
M G Broach No. 2		238	235	232	229	
M G Punjab/American		279	276	273	270	
M G Surat		348	345	342	339	
M G Rajpipla		343	340	337	334	
M G Navsari		361	358	355	352	

READY COTTON QUOTATIONS.

Bombay: April 3.

Approx. Quotations.	Ready
Bengal Fine	130/32
Berar	166/70
C. P. 1	201/4
C P. 2	175/77
Khandesh	142/49
Muglai	153/55
Broach	237/39
Punjab S G 289F	362/72
Punjab R G 289F	337/42
Punjab R G 4F	277/84

INDIAN COTTON FIGURES.

Bombay: April 3.

RECEIPTS INTO BOMBAY OF INDIAN COTTON

In full-pressed bales.	Yesterday	This year.	Since 1st Septr. Last year
Khandesh	107	93,577	50,216
Central India	1,201	126,058	92,725
Barsi & Nagar	659	97,592	106,859
Hyderabad/Gaorani	52	34,569	43,338
Berar	1,343	330,338	282,367
Central Provinces	1,607	69,723	69,850
Total Oomras	4,969	751,857	645,355
Dholeras	1 444	64,005	61,466
N.-W. Provinces		1,202	23,546
Rajputana		5,113	27,201
Sind-Punjab	4,606	431,096	308,659
Broach	6,056	92,405	306,029
Coompta & Dharwar	41	41,287	18,013
Westerns-Northerns	1,246	46,849	19,091
Cocoanada		239	82
Tinnevelly & Cambodia	103	1,351	1,309
Total	17,465	1 434,404	1,420,761
Arrived by road to 27th March 1941		238,133	209,358

TEJI MANDI PREMIUMS.

Bombay: April 3.

Wheat May	0 3 6
Wheat September	0 9 0
Linseed May	0 4 6
Linseed September	0 13 6
Groundnut May	1 12 0
Castorseed May	2 8 0
Cottonseed May	1 2 0
Silver 1st Settlement	0 8 0
Silver 2nd Settlement	1 4 0
Gold 1st Settlement	0 6 0
Gold 2nd Settlement	0 14 0

AMERICAN COTTON FIGURES

Bombay: April 3.

F. P. Bales.	1940/41	1939/40
Receipts to date 2-4-41	3192000	6992000
Receipts yesterday 2-4-41	6000	5000
Export to date 2-4-41	800000	5478000
Stock at Ports 28-3-41	3452000	2897000
Stock at interior towns do.	3031000	2612000
Stock at Liverpool 28-3-41		
Visible Supply 28-3-41		
Quantity in sight 28-3-41	9681000	12279000
Quantity out of sight 28-3-41		

COTTON PARITY

Broach A/M below New York May 238 cent points at 331.

Broach J/A below New York July 245 cent points at 331.

HIGH & LOW COTTON PRICES

Bombay: April 3.

	Highest	Lowest	Closing at 5 p.m.
Broach A/M	232	224 1/2	229
Broach J/A	229 1/2	223	227
Broach New A/M 1942	218	211	214
Oomra May	164 1/2	163	164 1/2
Oomra July	165	163 1/2	165
Oomra D/J	171	169 1/2	170 1/2
Bengal May	128 1/2	126 1/2	127
Bengal July	130	128	128 1/2

SUGAR MARKET.

Bombay: April 3.

Fine White Java Sugar per cwt—
From Bond Rs. 10/13
Shipment March Rs. 9/4 F.B.H.
Indian Sugars Ready—
Ready ordinary Rs. 14 to 14/6
Ready large grain Rs. 14/7 to 15/7.
Tone:—Steady.

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

London: April 2.

Rupee Paper 3 1/2 per cent	£70 1/2
Indian Stocks—	£
3 per cent 1948	88 5/8
3 1/2 per cent 1931 or later	99 5/8
Consols 2 1/2 per cent	77 7/8
Conversion Loan 3 1/2 per cent 1961	104 1/4
War Loan 3 1/2 per cent	104 3/4
Funding Loan 4 per cent 1960/90	112 3/4
Victory Bonds 4 per cent	111 1/8
Chartered Bank of I. A. and China	8 13/16
Hongkong and Shanghai Bank (London Register)	76
National Bank of India	31 1/2

LONDON SEEDS

London: April 2.

Wheat Rozario Santa Fe 20-4 1/2 April/May quoted.

Wheat Barletta Russo 20-1 1/2 April/May quoted.

Wheat South Australian 27/6 April/May quoted.

GOLD AND SILVER

Bombay: April 3.

Yesterday London Gold price was unchanged at £8/8/0. Dollar Sterling cross rate was 4.02 1/2 to 4.03 1/2 at London and 4.03 1/4 at New York.

London spot and forward Silver quotations were unchanged at 23 1/2d and 23 7/16d respectively. There was production selling, which was mainly covered. There was very small trade buying though Indian Government was possibly supplied a trifle. Later on the market was idle. New York spot silver was unchanged at 34 3/4 cents and Shanghai T T on London was quoted 3 3/16. London Bombay spot silver parity was Rs. 62/10/3 and forward parity was Rs. 62/8. The local market was quiet with scattered selling and quotations were as under:—

	GOLD	SILVER
Ready	Rs. 43 0 0	63 0 0
Chaitra	Rs. 43 0 6	63 0 0
Vaishakh	Rs. 43 1 6	63 3 0
Sovereigns:	Rs. 29/5.	

LONDON SILVER

London: April 2.

Spot	23 1/2
Forward	23 7/16

LONDON GOLD

London: April 2

Gold bars fine per Oz. £8/8/0

MONEY MARKET

Bombay: April 3.

LONDON:—
B. C. RATES:—
T T D D 1/5 29/32 to 2nd October
Bank's selling T T D D 1/5 15/16 to 2nd October.
Bank's buying T T 1/6 to 2nd October.
Bank's buying D D 1/6 3/32 two months
Bank's buying 3 months 1/6 7/32 two months
Bank's buying 3 months 1/6 1/4 next two months.
NEW YORK:—
Bank's selling T T 333 1/4
Bank's buying T T 33⅛
Bank's buying D D 32⅜
JAPAN:
Bank's selling T T 81 1/2 nominal
Bank's buying T T 77 1/2 nominal.
Bank's buying 60 days 76 1/2 nominal.
JAVA:—
Bank's selling D D 55 3/4
HONGKONG:—
Bank's selling D D 85 1/4
SHANGHAI:
Bank's selling D D 20
SINGAPORE:
Bank's selling D D 157 3/4
CROSS RATES:
Hongkong/London 1/3 1/32 3rd inst.
Shanghai/London 0/3 13/32 3rd inst.
New York/London 4.03 1/4 2nd inst.
London/Java 7.58/62 2nd inst.
London/New York 4.02 1/2 3 1/2 2nd inst.
London/Switzerland 17 30/40 2nd inst.
London/Stockholm 16.85/95 2nd inst.
London/Japan 1/2 1/2 2nd inst.
London/Canada 4.43/47 2nd inst.
Tone of Sterling Exchange:—Steady
Gold £8/8/0 2nd inst.
Silver London Ready 23 1/2 2nd inst.
Silver London Forward 23 7/16 2nd inst.
Silver New York Ready 34 3/4 1st inst.
London Discounts 3 months 1 1/16 per cent 2nd inst.
London Discounts 6 months 1 1/4 per cent 2nd inst.
Reserve Bank Rate 3 per cent.
Bank of England Rate 2 per cent.
Money:—Call 1/4 per cent.
3 months 1/2 per cent
6 months 3/4 per cent
Tone:—Small enquiry.

Groundnuts And Seeds

Bombay: April 3.

	Rs.as.ps.
Groundnuts May—	
Opening	31 4 0
Highest	31 5 0
Lowest	30 6 6
Closing	30 7 0
Castorseeds May—	
Opening	33 4 0
Highest	33 4 0
Lowest	32 12 0
Closing	32 13 0
Cottonseeds May—	
Opening	20 5 6
Highest	20 7 3
Lowest	20 3 6
Closing	20 5 9

BOMBAY YARN QUOTATIONS.

HEDGE CONTRACT RATES

Yarn No.	April	Bombay: April 3. June	August
6 1/2s.	136	137	138
10 1/2s.	159	160	161
20 1/2s.	227	229	230½
40s.	325	327	329

LINSEED & WHEAT.

Bombay: April 3.

Linseed May	5 5 0
Linseed September	5 8 0
Wheat May	4 2 0
Wheat September	4 1 3

BOMBAY METALS

Bombay: April 3.

Yellow metal sheet	Rs. 72/0
Copper sheets	Rs. 82/8
Tone:—Steady.	

LONDON EXCHANGES

London: April 2.

T T London on New York 4.02 1/2-4.03 1/2; Madrid 40.50; Montreal 4.43/4.47; Berne 17.30-17.40; Stockholm 16.85/16.95.

GOVERNMENT SECURITIES

Bombay April 3.

2 3/4 per cent 1948/52 Loan 97
3 1/2 per cent G P Notes 95-13
3 per cent 1941 Bonds 100-10
3 per cent 1951/54 Bonds 99-8
3 per cent 1963/65 Loan 95
3 1/2 per cent 1947/50 Loan 102-8
4 per cent 1960/70 Loan 108-15
4 per cent 1943 Bonds 104-9
3 per cent War Bonds 101-8
4 1/2 per cent 1955/60 Loan 113⅛

TAX FREE LOANS

5 per cent 1945/55 Loan 111-10
4 per cent 1963/68 Mysore 115-8
per cent 1955 Mysore 125

CORPORATION DEBENTURES

4 per cent B P T 1947 108-4
4 per cent M Deb 1974 107-12
3 per cent M Deb 1958 116
6 per cent M Deb 1954 128-4
6 per cent B P T 1956 128

Tone:—Steady.

PEPPER & GINGER.

Bombay: April 3.

The Pepper and Ginger Merchants' Association Ltd.:—

	Rs.as.ps.
Pepper ready Alleppey per candy	84 0 0
Pepper Chaitra Sud 15 per candy	85 12 0
Pepper Jeth Sud 15 per candy	85 12 0
Ginger bleached ready per cwt	18 0 0
Ginger Chaitra Sud 15 per cwt	16 4 0
Ginger Vaishakh Sud 15 per cwt	16 12 0

INDIAN STOCK EXCHANGE

Bombay: April 3.

The market ruled fairly steady to-day with prices moving narrowly either way following the trend in cotton. Tata Deferreds, which opened at 1955, advanced to 1965 and finished later at 1950, while Tata Ordinaries after touching 394 moved down to 392. Bombay Dyeings continued to be quoted at 1100 while Indian Irons were somewhat better at 32/4.

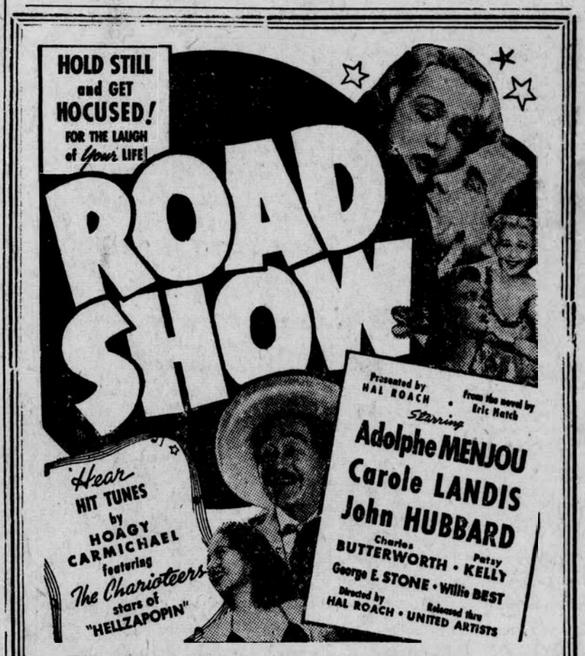
The following were the important quotations on the Exchange to-day:—

Tata Deferreds (1950) 1955 60 57/8 55 50; Tata Ordinaries (393) 393 92/8 94 92; Tata Ordinary 392, Tata Deferred 1950, Indian Iron 32/4, Bombay Dyeing 1100, Century 410, Central India 307/8, Kohinoor 415, Associated Cement 140, Bombay Burma 535, Scindia Steam 21, Tata Hydro 179/6, Reserve Bank 105, Imperial Bank F P 1560, Central Bank 44/12, Bank of India 141 3 1/2 per cent Pa per 95/13

Share Bazar Closed

Bombay, April 3.

There being a meeting of the members of the Native Share and Stock Brokers' Association to-day no business was done



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NEW YORK COTTON TWELVE POINTS UP

COTTON:

LATEST NEW YORK COTTON PRICES

JULY 1941

New York, April 3

Previous closing	11.24
To-day's opening	11.32
Difference	+08
To-day's closing	11.36
Difference	+12

BROACH EXPECTATION

Broach April/May	Rs. 229 0
Broach July/August	Rs. 225-8

NEW YORK COTTON

New York, April 3

The New York cotton developed unexpected firmness on renewal of buying activity following encouraging Washington developments over farm legislation but at higher levels buyers became cautious.

Trading in July began eight points higher at 11.32. Prices advanced on increased trade and mill support with some inside support but later demand subsided although the undertone remained good.

The following are to-day's opening ranges in New York cotton:—

May (unquoted) 11.34/35
July (11.10/09) 11.32/32
October (10.56/56) 11.31/31

LONDON COMMODITIES

London, April 3

Castorseeds unquoted

Linseed Bombay Calcutta April/May (£18 9/16 quoted) £18 9/16 quoted

Linseed La Plata May (£11 5/16 quoted) £11 5/16 quoted

Groundnuts Coromandal April/May (£17 1/4 quoted) £17 1/4 quoted

JUTES

Dundee April (£47 nominal) £47

Lightning April (£43 nominal) £43

RUBBER

Spot (14 1/8d buyers) 14 1/8d buyers

Forward July/September (14 3/16d paid and sellers) 14 1/8d paid and sellers

LONDON METALS

Tin (£268 buyers; £268 1/2 sellers. Easy) £267 3/4 buyers; £268 sellers. Steady.

Electrolytic Copper (£62) £62

Lead (£25) £25

Glasgow Iron No. 3 (131 sh.) 131 sh.

CALCUTTA STOCK EXCHANGE

CALCUTTA, April 3

The Stock Exchange continued very steady and good business was put through all round. Coals, Teas, Cottons, Jutes and Government securities continued in request at full prices. Speculative issues were also enquired for.

The following are closing quotations:—

Government securities: 3 per cent G P 82/4 small lot; 3 per cent Defence Bonds 1946 101/12; 3 1/2 per cent G P 95/15; 3 1/2 per cent loan 1947/50 102/8; 4 per cent loan 1960/70 109/2 small odd lot; 3 per cent loan 1941 103/8; 3 per cent loan 1963/65 95/4 small lot; 3 1/2 per cent loan 1955/60 113/8 small lot; 3 per cent Punjab 1952 97/8.

Banks: Central 44/8; Reserve 105/4

Railways: Burdwan Cutwa 93; Howrah Amta 100.

Cottons: Mohini Mills 12/8; New Victoria 8/4.

Coals: Bengal 356 small lot; Dhemo Main 12/15 div; East Indian 16/2; Ghusick and Muslia 4/1; Nazira 7/10; New Manbhoom 39; North Damuda 5; Raneegunge 25; Rewa 22; Samla 2/2; South Karanpura 4/5; West Jamuria 30/8 c div.

Jutes: Anglo-India 320 small lot; Auckland 171/8; Lally 222/8 small odd lots; Birla 27/4; Caledonian 364; Cheviot 186; Clive 23 small lot; Craig 1/8; Hastings pref 139 small lot; Howrah 51/12; Hukumchand pref 118/12; India 305; Kamarhatty 466; Kankinarrah 376; Khardkaki 388; Naskarpara 17/5; New Central 296/8; Nuddea 57/10; Orient 182; Presidency 4/10 ex div; Waverley 2/8.

Miscellaneous: Burma Corporation 4/15; Consolidated Tin 2/5 c div; Indian Copper 2/1; Dalmia Cement ord 11/15; do defd 2/11 small lot; do pref 115 small lot; Benares Elec 14/2; Patna Elec 16/12; Britannia Buildings and Iron 7/14; Britannia Eng 10/11; Hukumchand Steel 11/3; do defd 3/10; Indian Iron and Steel 32/6; Indian St. Wagon ord 61; Kumardhubi Eng ord 4/4; do pref 121; National Iron and Steel 8/11; Steel Corpn ord 19/3; Bararee Coke 2½; B I Corpn ord 4/6 ex div; British Burma Petrol 3/8; Indo-Burma Petrol 106 c div; India Paper Pulp 141; Orient Paper 11/12; Sree Gopal Paper 10/15. Star Paper 11/2; Titaghur Paper pref 5/6; Ford 17/8 small lot; do second pref 114/8; Connemara Rubber dol 1.27½ cts et; Pajam dol 1.80 cts; Tapah dol 1.87 cts e div et.

Teas: Dessai and Purbutia 221/8 ex div; Hasimara 43/4.

Debentures: 3 1/4 per cent 1956/66 Howrah Bridge 96/6 small lot; 5 per cent Darjeeling Ropeway 100; 6 per cent 1935/45 Kalyan Property 104/8.—A.P.

KARACHI PRODUCE MARKET

KARACHI, April 3

To-day's closing quotations:—

Cotton: Sind, May 13/13/3; July 14/3/6; Punjab: May 15/1/3; July 13/3/9. American. May 25/8/9; July 26/1; steady.

Wheat: July 29/6/6; quiet.

Gram: July 24/14/6.

Toria: May 33/12/9; July 34/4.

Cottonseed, May 15/7/6; July 15/12/9.

REVISION OF ELECTORAL ROLLS

The revision and preparation of the electoral rolls for the Bombay City Non-Muhammadan, Muhammadan and the Bombay (European) constituencies of the (Central) Legislative Assembly have been undertaken by the Collector of Bombay and Returning Officer under the orders of the Government of Bombay and the Preliminary Publication of the Rolls will be made on May 15.

Persons holding the requisite qualifications in any of the constituencies and being British subjects and not being under 21 years of age should apply with proofs to the Election Officer at the Office of the Collector of Bombay, Old Custom House, Fort, Bombay, before April 20 at the latest, for enrolment of their names, which should be stated in full, with residential addresses.

The names of income tax assessees whose names are on the existing rolls will not be entered on the revised rolls, unless the assessees apply afresh with the necessary proofs in support of their claims.

The franchise qualifications for the vote in the Non-Muhammadan and Muhammadan constituencies are: (1) Having a place of residence on January 1, 1941, within the constituency or within a contiguous constituency of the same communal description; and (2) either (a) on January 1 aforesaid holding land assessed at or of the assessable value of Rs. 75 or (b) having been assessed to income tax in the financial year 1940-41.

The qualifications for the vote in the Bombay (European) constituency are the same as in any European constituency of the Bombay Legislative Assembly (Provincial). The essential qualification is in respect of residence, viz., having a residence in the Province of Bombay for not less than 180 days in 1940-41. In addition to the residential qualification a person must possess one of the other alternative qualifications of which the following two are the most general: (a) Assessment to income tax in the year 1940-41; or (b) occupation in the constituency (Bombay City) of a house of not less than Rs. 60 annual rental value.

Full information can be had on application to the Election Officer in the office of the Collector of Bombay.

EXCHANGES:

CROSS RATES

T. T. NEW YORK ON LONDON

New York, April 3

Previous closing	4.03 1/4
To-day's closing	4.03 1/4

T. T LONDON ON NEW YORK

London, April 3

Previous closing	4.02 1/2 to 4.03 1/2
To-day's opening	4.02 1/2 to 4.03 1/2
To-day's closing	4.02 1/2 to 4.03 1/2

T T LONDON ON PARIS

London, April 3

T. T. London on Paris not quoted.

LONDON BULLION

LONDON SILVER

London, April 3

Spot (23 1/2d) 23 1/2d nil

Forward (23 7/16d) 23 7/16d nil

LONDON GOLD

London, April 3

London Gold (£8-8-0) £8-8-0

LONDON EXCHANGES

London, April 3

London Exchange opened with the sterling/dollar at 4.02.50 to 4.03.50, which is officially fixed rate.

CROSS RATES

London on Bombay (1-5 63/64) 1-5 31/32

Paris on Bombay not quoted

New York on Milan not quoted

New York on Bombay (30.35) 30.33

London on Shanghai (0-3 3/32 to 0-3 3/8) 0-3 3/32 to 0-3 13/32

London on Kobe (1-2 to 1-2 1/2) 1-2 to 1-2 1/2.

DISCOUNTS

3 months (1 1/4 to 1 1/4 per cent) 1 1/4 to 1 1/4 per cent.

4 months (1 1/16 to 1 1/4 per cent) 1 1/16 to 1 1/4 per cent.

6 months (1 1/8 to 1 1/4 per cent) 1 1/8 to 1 1/4 per cent.

BULLION AND SEEDS

Bombay, April 3

There was no trading during the night session.

EFFORT TO SHAKE OUT BULLS IN LOCAL COTTON MARKET

Cotton Prices In America More Likely To Advance

Bombay, April 3

Messrs. P. Chrystal and Co have issued the following weekly report:—

During the past week there have been active and fluctuating markets in New York and we have to record the largest price movement for quite a considerable time. The future policy of the Administration is still under consideration and whilst nothing definite so far appears to have been decided a compromise Loan level around 12 cents seems probable. Higher wages in the industrial areas seem inevitable as the strike weapon in still permissible in the United States and is apparently being freely used. This being so we contend that the Government will have to arrange to allow the agricultural population to increase their incomes also in order to maintain some economic balance. Whatever plan is ultimately decided upon we are of opinion cotton prices in America are more likely to advance than decline, in spite of the large reserve of supply in the Loan.

The Liverpool Futures market closed down on the last day of March and is unlikely to reopen for a long time. This decision although to be regretted was inevitable under present conditions.

In Bombay during the past week the tone of the market has been decidedly reactionary. It is taking longer than we had anticipated for our market to become accustomed to the new higher price level. Traders who were caught short during the advance have not yet given up the struggle and during the last few days considerable fresh sales were put into old crop Broach contracts presumably in an effort to shake out bulls. We admit freely that there are many reasons why dealers should hold bearish views for Indian cotton for there is an appreciable stock of Indian cotton which cannot find an easy outlet, but these cottons belong to the lower grades and the shorter staples which cannot however be tendered against the Broach contract. In the meantime the short interest in the old crop Broach contracts exceeds considerably the amount of tenderable cotton or the amount likely to be tendered. We continue to hold the view that the position generally still favours the bulls of these contracts.

Trading in New Crop contracts commenced yesterday and as expected business was carried on at a good discount under old crop prices. It is rather early in the season to form any strong views as to the value of this new contract but looking to the trend of American prices we would suggest moderate purchases in quiet markets.

With the uncertain tone prevailing in our Futures market there has been less doing in the spot market. In some cases there has been a slight easing in the basis of staple cotton which can probably be attributed to the higher price level but the remaining supply of such cotton is now very small and all of it will be wanted by consumers long before the next crop is ready for market. Exporters have shown very little interest but with the very much better War news in favour of the Allies we look for a revival of export demand in the near future especially from the Far East. Meantime internal consumption tends to expand still further and many Mills will require to re-enter the market at no very distant date. The cloth market is in a healthy condition and there is no indication that the higher price of the raw material will affect the offtake in this direction.

3 1/2 P.C. STERLING LOAN

London, April 3

3 1/2 per cent Indian Sterling Loan closed to-day at £99 5/8

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

London, April 3

London Stock Exchange was generally firm.

AUSTRALIAN LOANS

London, April 3

5 per cent 1958/68 (£106 1/4) £106 1/8

BRITISH FUNDS

2 1/2 per cent Consols (£77 7/8) £77 7/8

3 1/2 per cent Conversion Loan (£104 1/4) 104 1/4

2 1/2 per cent Conversion Loan (£99) £99

4 per cent Funding Loan (£112 3/4) £112 7/8

3 1/2 per cent War Loan (£104 3/4) £104 3/4

New War Loan (£100 3/8) £100 3/8

4 1/2 per cent Victory Bonds (£111 1/8) £111 1/8

INDUSTRIALS

Standard Motors 11-6
Marks and Spencer Ordinary 33-0
Hydro Electric No dealings
Electric Music Industry 7-4 1/2
Pinchin Johnson 18-1 1/2
Imperial Chemicals 30-3
Woolsworth New Ordinary 47-9
San Paulo 7 per cent Coffee Rates £50 1/2
Dundee Rubber 34-0
Unilever Ordinary 22-6
Ford Motors 17-6
Cables and Wireless New Ordinary £61 1/2
British African Tobacco Ordinary 88-9
Carreas 'A' £23 5/8
Imperial Tobacco Ordinary 93-9
P and O Def 22 10 1/2
Distillers 61-9
Bredfords Dye 3-3
British Celanese 3-10 1/2
J and P Coates Ordinary 29-1 1/2
Courtaulds Ordinary 31-0
Fine Cotton Spinners 2-9
Vickers Limited Ordinary 15-1 1/2
Inter Nickel Ordinary dol 39 7/8
Indian Iron 47-6

TEA SHARES

Assam Company 18-0
Donaro Tea 30-0
Empire of India 20-7 1/2

JUTE

Barnagore (£8) £8

RUBBER SHARES

Anglo Dutch Rubber 14-7 1/2
Gula Kelampong 15-0
Rubber Plant Inv Trust 25-3

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Burma Corporation 7-0
Rio Tintos £7 1/2
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Rand Mines £6 1/2

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Associated Portland Cement 54-4 1/2
Trinidad Leasehold 66-10 1/2
Sub-Nigel £7 1/4
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Cholera Warning

Threat Of Serious Outbreak Of Epidemic In Districts

The following forecast of cholera in 1941 has been issued by the Bombay Public Health Department.

Studying the periodicity of epidemic waves of cholera from 1900 to 1940 it appears that the last wave has most probably reached its lowest mark in 1940 and that the natural trend of this wave is most likely to show a sharp upward curve during 1941.

There has been already in the Province now a considerable infection in some of the districts, what may be called "Cholera nests" and this shows a tendency of rapid spreading even in the pre-epidemic season.

Districts likely to have a very serious epidemic — Ahmednagar, Sholapur, Satara, Nasik.

Districts that may have a serious epidemic—Poona, East Khandesh, West Khandesh.

Districts that may have an epidemic incidence—Bijapur, Dharwar.

There are no important fairs in the province except the Ashadhi Fair at Pandharpur. Owing to the system of inoculation introduced since 1936 during the fair, the movements of pilgrims at this time has ceased to have the same effect as before on the spread of cholera.

INDIAN TRADE COMMISSIONERS FOR AMERICAS

South Indian Commerce Chamber Welcomes Govt.'s Proposal

MADRAS, April 3.

The proposal of the Government of India to appoint trade commissioners in North and South America is welcomed by the Southern India Chamber of Commerce as a beneficial act for the development of trade between the two countries.

The Chamber while thanking the Government for the same, requests them to appoint similar agents in countries nearer to India, such as Iran, Iraq and Afghanistan which offered good prospects for Indian exports and imports.

The Chamber also stresses the necessity to fill up these posts by members of the Indian business community.—A. P.

Bombay Betters All-India

FIVE THOUSAND WATCH WAR FUND HOCKEY: CONVERTED PENALTY CORNER DECIDES CONTEST

Bombay hockey remains on top. This was proved on Thursday, when a Bombay XI beat a representative All-India side by the only goal scored. The match was in aid of the War Fund and hockey fans mustered strong to fill to capacity the stand round the Bombay Gymkhana ground. They were not disappointed. For, while the crowd of 5,000 persons booked on, the rival teams turned in a sprightly battle that produced many thrilling moments, and the result seemed a satisfactory one to the supporters of each aggregation.

His Excellency Sir Roger Lumley and Lady Lumley were among those present.

The gate receipts amounted to Rs. 3,240.

The All-India side was a fully representative side, the North-West Frontier Province, Sind, Central India, the United Provinces, Bengal, Manavadar State and the Indian Army went to make up the team.

Bombay's XI had the best talent available and several clubs provided the players.

THE TEAMS

The following players took the field:—

BOMBAY: H. S. Lynn (Captain—Young Sports), J. Phillips (Kirkee United), Owen Ferreira (B. B. and C. I.), Christie (Kirkee Ammunition Factory), W. Fernandes (B. B. and C. I.), Egbert D'Souza (St. Xavier's College), Dhadge (Kirkee United), A. Hakim (G. I. P.), Nasir (Bombay Customs), G. Nimal (Kirkee United) and Tellis (G. I. P.)

ALL-INDIA: Fazal Rahman (N.-W. F. P.), Tapsell (Captain—Bengal), Mahomed Hussein (Manavadar), Manna Singh (Central India), Durga Prasad (Central India), Gallibardy (Bengal), Kisnan Lal (Central India), Charanjit Rai (Bengal), Yusuf (United Provinces), Roop Singh (Indian Army) and P. P. Fernandes (Sind).

GREAT PLAYERS

In a great game it is unjust to pick on individuals. But a critic of Thursday's game feels forced to refer to two players. Willie Fernandes, Bombay's centre-half, left the field in a blaze of glory. He was superb and proved again that he is India's best centre-half.

On the other side Fazal Rahman, the goalkeeper, covered himself with honour. His work in the nets was done very well. He has keen eye and his sense of anticipation is uncanny. He certainly showed that his choice as goalkeeper for All-India was no mistake.

The winning goal came in the eleventh minute of the initial period. J. Phillips, who has a great reputation for converting penalty-corners, added yet another achievement to his list. The corner hit was rightly taken, and when the ball got to Phillip's awaiting stick it sealed the doom of All-India.

THE GAME

Bombay raised the hopes of their supporters in the early minutes, a good movement was upset when G. Nimal, the inside left, fail to pick up a pass from Dhadge. Bombay were having the better of the exchanges, here Tapsell, India's right back came into prominence for some clever baulking. In the sixth minute Bombay's opponents almost got the lead, when O. Ferreira and another defender fell in trying to hold up a really good movement. The forwards however were fortunately put out of their stride. At the other end Nasir with some clever stickwork got through to India's "D" and might have scored had Nasir not run into an offside position in the goalmouth and was pulled up.

BOMBAY SCORE

Bombay deservingly took the lead in the eleventh minute. A penalty corner was awarded them, J. Phillips, who has a reputation for converting penalty corners, added yet another goal to his successes. Two minutes later Bombay deserved another goal. G. Nimal sent in a tricky shot, but Fazal Rahman was cleverer and saved brilliantly.

Shortly after Charanjit Rai, the Bengal crack forward, got through on his own for All-India, he correctly passed to Kishan Lal as they neared Bombay's "D", but Kishan Lal displayed irritating selfishness, hung on to the ball for the sake of earning individual notoriety, refused to pass back to Charanjit Rai, and was deprived of the ball

CHARANJIT RAI FAILS

The spectators rose in their seats a brilliant, breath taking run by Roop Singh carried India to the fringe of Bombay's ring, he tapped the ball to Charanjit Rai, who made sticks in shooting. Besides the infringement he also sent the ball wide.

Hakim might have improved Bombay's lead had he fully connected with a delightful pass that Nasir gave him, when unmarked.

Gallibardy, created a stir five minutes from the interval. He picked up a clearance from Mahomed Hussein about mid-field and streaked past all opposition and entered the Bombay circle, he scooped, but his effort went a little wide.

An off-side goal would have been a tragedy for All-India, but Bombay almost got such a goal when Nasir, behind both backs, picked up a clever pass from Christie, he flicked in a fine shot, that grazed the wrong side of the left upright. At the interval Bombay was still leading by their thin margin.

ALL-INDIA IMPROVE

If Bombay were top dogs in the first 30 minutes, they were not so after the rest. All-India got under way from the resumption and presented several smooth and quick passing movement that made them often dangerous. It was, here, that Willie Fernandes came into the limelight. He was a stalwart, as Bombay's pivot, and it will be very hard to find in India an equal to Willie. In Western India there is no one his superior.

YUSUF'S POOR DISPLAY

Yusuf early in the half spoilt a nice movement. Incidentally on Thursday, Yusuf was the weak link in the All-India side. He played far below the reputation he has been allowed.

A splendid save by Fazal Rahman saved the All-India from falling further into arrears. Nasir, superbly dribbling, worked his way well into the opposite circle. He scooped, but Fazal Rahman saved a high shot that looked a definite goal. The stands cheered him, as they had all a second previously shouted in unison, "Goal".

Play was transferred and Charanjit Rai let the spectator see a little more of his brilliant stick work. He worked past the defence and gave the ball to Yusuf who was better placed, the latter put in a feeble shot that Lynn had no difficulty in saving.

Clever anticipation at the other end by Fazal Rahman saved All-India again, and deprived Nasir of an opportunity to score after he had bettered both backs.

Though, All-India were playing a good game and were having perhaps more of the play. They were never allowed any real scoring chances, as Willie Fernandes, and the two backs, Phillips and Ferreira, were hard to beat.

The game ended after a great struggle, for Bombay was intent on keeping their lead, and All-India extremely keen to save the game. There were many present on Thursday who felt the game should have closed in a one-all draw.

BOMBAY GOVT. GAZETTE

Notifications Of Civil Appointments

The following notifications have been made in Thursday's Government Gazette:

Mr. J. C. Bolton, I.C.S., Collector of Poona, whose services have been placed at the disposal of the Government of Sind, is posted as Secretary to Government, Finance Department, vice Mr. L. T. Gholap, I.C.S.

The services of Mr. L. T. Gholap, I.C.S., Secretary to Government, Finance Department, are replaced at the disposal of the Government of Bombay with effect from the date of relief.

The services of Mr. L. T. Gholap, I.C.S., are placed at the disposal of the Government of India.

Mr. N. M. Wagle, I.C.S., to be Assistant Collector, Ahmedabad, vice Mr. V. M. Joshi, I.C.S.

Mr. R. C. Gandhi to officiate as District Deputy Collector, Surat, vice Mr. N. M. Wagle, I.C.S.

Mr. J. W. Rowland to be Deputy Inspector-General of Police vice Mr. A. C. J. Bailey, C.I.E., confirmed as Inspector-General of Police, Province of Bombay.

Mr. J. Abernethy to be Superintendent of Police vice Mr. J. W. Rowland confirmed as Deputy Inspector-General of Police.

Khan Saheb K. P. Anklesaria has been confirmed as Deputy Superintendent of Police, with effect from 17th March, 1941, in the arrangements vice Khan Bahadur N. N. Sadri, officiating Assistant to the Deputy Inspector-General of Police, Criminal Investigation Department, Crime Branch, retired.

Mahomed Haji Saboo Siddick Institute

(From A Correspondent.)

The students of the above institute in a meeting passed a resolution requesting the Trustees who had resigned to withdraw their resignation.

MADRAS.— The Government have provided for a loan of Rs. 17,96,000/- to the Madras Corporation in the ensuing year of which Rs. 15,96,000 will be utilised for the Pundi reservoir scheme started last year for ensuring adequate water supply to the city of Madras and the balance for improving the city water supply system and underground drainage scheme.—A. P.

WAR FUND RACES

Good Fields For First Day: Thirteen In War Fund Cup

The following are the acceptances for the First Day of the Bombay War Fund Meeting to be run on Saturday:

THE SUDAN PLATE (Div I). Dist.—6 furlongs.

Winner Rs. 1,500; Second Rs. 400; Third Rs. 250.

Prince Farhan 8-12, Prince Hachim 6-12, Mahoot 8-6, Star Brilliant 8-6, Mujalli 7-13, Hilal Salaam 7-13, Mansur Abdullah 7-13, Sa'ad al Hadba'a 7-13, Zamil al Nassar 7-13, Kutaiba 7-13, Ma'adi Karb 7-13, Patrol 6-12, Behram 6-12, Prince Mahmud 6-12.

THE SUDAN PLATE (Div. II). Dist.—6 furlongs.

Arjun 9-0, Silver Mine 9-0, Anis Thamir 9-0, Sattaj 9-0, Amir Labnan 8-12, Tarzan 8-12, Ayhan 8-12, Mabruk Faisal 8-12, Manik Kumari 8-6, Sa'ad Rahman 8-5, Defiant 7-13, Zamil al Iraq 7-13, Ushama 7-13, Boonian 6-12.

THE SUDAN PLATE (Div. III). Dist.—6 furlongs.

Man of War 9-4, Hampstead 9-4, Rafat Beg 9-4, Zahir 9-2, Latiff Hassun 9-2, Mikhlif Jabir 8-6, Banash Sagban 7-13, Kannan Beg 9-2, Lancer 9-2, Shah Jamal 9-0, Ma'adin Amer 8-9, Qa'id al Furat 8-5, Bon Amis 7-13, Hatim Tay 7-13, Zarina 6-12.

THE INDIAN ARMY PLATE (Div. II). Dist.—1 mile.

Metro 9-0, Nassar 9-0, Kaid Saoud 8-10, Jawahir Pasha 8-10, Wheel of Fortune 8-6, Zain ul Muluk 8-4, Taj Subhan 8-3.

THE LIBYA PLATE. Dist.—5 furlongs.

Sweetness 9-7, Redouble 9-2, Carlyon 8-9, Princess Mumtaz 8-7, Lakhpat 8-4, Khair ul Mulk 7-11, Mazarin 8-7, So What 8-7, What's Yours 8-4, Bay Nazir 8-4, Countess Nil 8-4, Rafle 8-0, Bageshari 7-9, Solomon 7-7.

THE SPITFIRE PLATE (Div. II). Dist.—6 furlongs.

Panna Prince 9-0, Lady in Red 9-0, None So Gay 9-0, Tavern 8-11, Silver Armour 8-9, Tiger Kid 8-7, Twine 8-7, War Dust 8-4, Winlad 8-2, Reliable 7-12, The Quack 7-12, Fun of the Fayre 7-12, Jubilee Essex 7-12.

THE WAR FUND CUP. Dist.—1 mile, 1 furlong.

Shalivahan 9-4, Lambeth Walk 8-0, Cash Book 7-7, Le Duc 8-9, Cash 8-7, Blazing Star 8-7, Hothouse 8-2, Terrace 8-2, Pompom 8-0, Colys 7-9, King of Sports 7-9, Ishrat Sultana 7-7, Smara 7-7.

THE SPITFIRE PLATE (Div. I). Dist.—6 furlongs.

Loveable 9-2, Highla 8-13, Red Gold 8-13, Sir Amos 8-9, Congratulations 8-9, Vijai Kumari 8-7, Lords 8-7, The Streamer 8-6, Ginger Boy 8-4, Romney's Girl 8-2, Kamala 8-2, Honor M. 8-2, Quite True 8-2, Chowrangi 7-9, Sporting King 7-9.

THE INDIAN ARMY PLATE (Div. I). Dist.—1 mile.

Tiger King 9-4, Taj Mahal 9-2, Taj al Farat 8-13, Snapper 8-11, Dahman Suri 8-11, Lu'ayb 8-9, Great Star 8-6, Nalini II 8-6, Gaurishanker 8-2, Marshal 7-9, Ghussun al Ilah 7-9.

WATER POLO QUADRANGULAR

The Parsis beat the Hindus and the Zionists eliminated the Europeans in the Annual Water Polo Quadrangular held in the Victoria Swimming Bath for the Golvala Brothers' Shield.

The encounter between the Parsis and Hindus was thrilling and two periods of extra time, had to be played before a decision could be had.

At half-time, in this match the Hindus were leading, 2—0. After the interval, the Hindus raised their tally to three, and it appeared that the Parsis, who have been champions for six years, were going out of the tournament. But they brilliantly saved the game and at full time, the teams were sharing six goals.

In the early half of extra-time, there was no score After changing ends, the Parsis took the lead midst a lot of excitement. The Hindus, however, squared accounts and at the end of the contest, the score was four-all. Another spell of extra time was allowed. Here the Hindus scored and made it 5—4 in their favour. Once again, the equaliser came from the Parsis. Then another, the decider from Dick. This came some seconds from the close.

M. N. Dick played a great game for the Parsis. A wonderful display of goal-keeping came from G. Ratanshi, who was in the nets for the Hindus.

The odd goal in five, gave the Zionists victory over the Europeans.

At half-time, the Zionists were leading by two goals to one.

The final will be played this evening at 6-30 p.m in the same pool.

MR. ROBINSON, CITY'S WELL-KNOWN TRAINER DEAD

The "Chronicle" regrets to announce the sudden and unexpected demise of Mr. "Jimmie" Robinson, the veteran trainer of Western India, on Wednesday evening at the age of 76.

Though Mr. Robinson had been ailing for sometime past, few of his friends had thought that his end was so near. His loss will be keenly felt by the host of friends he had acquired during his long racing career.

His contact with the Turf in India dates as far back as fifty years ago, when he came to India as a jockey at the age of 26. He distinguished himself by his dash, and riding brilliance which made him one of the ace jockeys of his day. His services were in constant and incessant demand and he brought off very many creditable victories for his patrons, prominent among them being Mrs. A. A. Apcar, H. H the Aga Khan, Sir Victor Sassoon and H. H. the Maharaja of Cooch Behar.

After two decades and a half of scintillating riding career, he turned his attention to the training side of racing. His mature knowledge of the intricacies of racing and the ways of race horses, stood him in good stead in turning out winners for his patrons, for whom he trained with great conscientiousness and loyalty, and with conspicuous success.

His affable temperament endeared him to everyone in his wide circle of friends who all deeply mourn his loss.

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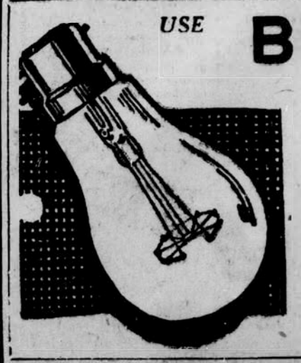
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Lowtide: 9-57, 23-22
Sunrise: 6h. 31m.
Sunset: 6h. 53m.

SATURDAY, April 5

Opening of the Khadi and Village Industries Exhibition, 5-30 p.m. at Lad Wadi.

MONDAY, April 7

Islamic Research Association, Eighth Annual General Meeting in the rooms of B. B. R. A. S., Town Hall, at 6 p.m. Open to members and friends.

COMMISSIONER'S ROUND—The Commissioner will meet the elected members of Ward No. 17, to-morrow (Saturday) at 6-51 a.m. (B.T.) at the junction of Lady Jamshedji Road and Lady Hardinge Road and will go round with them in the Ward.

VILLAGE INDUSTRIES EMPORIUM—The Village Industries Emporium, Matunga is participating in the All-India Khadi and Village Industries Exhibition at Ram Baug (C. P. Tank) and hence the Emporium will remain closed in the evenings from 5th to 20th April.

MR. R. P. MASANI'S VISIT TO GAMADIA COLONY WELFARE ASSOCIATION—The Vice-Chancellor Mr. Rustom P. Masani will pay a visit to the members of the Gamadia Colony Welfare Association and talk with the residents of the locality on the question of ameliorating their condition tomorrow (Saturday) at 6 p.m. (S.T.) at the Parsi Punchayet Industrial Workhouse Hall.

ART SOCIETY OF INDIA—The 22nd anniversary of the Art Society of India will be celebrated on Sunday, April 6 at 8 a.m. under the presidentship of Mr. N. V. Modak, City Engineer at Laxmi Baug Hall, New Bhatwadi, Girgaum. There will be a variety entertainment programme and a special Free Art Exhibition of the work of the members of the Society, on the occasion. The exhibition will remain open to the public from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. only.

RECREATION CLUB INSTITUTE—Under the auspices of the above Institute Miss Kapila Khandwalla M.A. (U.S.A.) B.T. will deliver a public lecture in the hall of the Institute at Kandi Maholla, to-day (Friday) at 7-30 p.m. Mrs. Khurshedkhanam K. Jairajbhoy will preside. The subject will be "The position of women in Society".

SOCIETY FOR PROTECTION OF CHILDREN—The annual general meeting of the Society for the Protection of Children in Western India will be held in the Municipal Corporation Hall to-day (Friday) at 6 p.m. (S.T.).

UNITED LODGE OF THEOSOPHISTS—A public study class on the subject of "Kama-Loka and Devachan" from 'The Key to Theosophy', by H. P. Blavatsky, will be held to-day (Friday) at 6-15 p.m. at Jehangir Wadia Building, opposite Flora Fountain.

DADAR ('G') WARD D. C. C.—A meeting of the Council of Management of the 'G' Ward District Congress Committe will be held to-day (Friday) at 9 p.m. in the 'G' Ward District Congress Committee's Office.

AMUSEMENTS OF THE DAY

EXCELSIOR—"Ask a Policeman". Daily at 4, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
NEW EMPIRE—"Road Show". Daily at 4, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
METRO—"Dulcy". Daily at 3-30, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
CAPITOL—"Dodge City". Daily at 4, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
REGAL—"Buck Privates". Daily at 4, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
LAMINGTON—"Pardesi" Daily at 4-30, 7-15 and 10 p.m.
PATHE—"Radhika" Daily at 3-30, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
ROXY—"Naya Sansar" Daily at 3-30, 6-45 and 10 p.m.
WEST END—"Ghar Jawai" Daily at 4-30, 7 and 9-45 p.m.
MINERVA—"Dhoop-Chhaon" Daily time as usual
KRISHNA—"Samajna Vanke" Daily at 6, 7-30 and 10 p.m.
IMPERIAL—"Prabhat" Daily at 4-15, 7 and 10 p.m.
OPERA HOUSE—"Raj Nartaki" Daily at 4, 7 and 10 p.m.
CENTRAL—"Padosi" Daily at 4, 7 and 9-45 p.m.
EDWARD—"Dnyaneshwar" Daily at 4, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
MAJESTIC—"Punarmilan" Daily at 4, 7 and 10 p.m.
CHITRA—"Nartaki" Daily at 4, 6-45 and 9-45 p.m.

PUBLIC LECTURE—Under the auspices of the Blavatsky Lodge, T.S., Mr. R. M. Alpaiwala will lecture in English at the Besant Hall of the Lodge at French Bridge, Chowpatty to-day (Friday) at 6-30 p.m. (S. T.) on "Christos or the Christ in Man" illustrated with lantern slides.

SIR DINSHAW MANOCKJEE PETIT GYMNASTIC INSTITUTION—The Government of Bombay have been pleased to extend the time for the resumption of the land and building of this Institution up to 16th June, 1941, in deference to the representations made by the Committee and by the public through the press.

LANTERN SLIDES LECTURE—Under the auspices of the Bombay Branch Royal Asiatic Society and the Bombay Branch of the Indian Statistical Institute, a lecture will be given in the Royal Asiatic Society's Rooms in the Town Hall, to-day (Friday) at 6 p.m. (S.T.) on "Metrology of Punch-marked coins: A new approach to Research in History through Numismatics". (Illustrated with lantern slides) by Prof. D. D. Kosambi, B.S. (Harvard) (Fergusson College, Poona).

BOARD FOR RESEARCH IN KANNADA LITERATURE

The Director of Information, Bombay, writes:

The Government of Bombay has decided that the Board for Research in Kannada Literature should be appointed every three years instead of every two.

The present personnel of the Board will accordingly continue for a further period of one year from May 8.

RUKMINI PRIZE AWARDED TO MR. D. P. PATIL—The Rukmini Prize has been awarded to Mr. Diwakar P. Patil, a past student of Nowrosjee Wadia College, Poona.

There was a great competition held last month in which about 2,000 students had taken part. Mr. D. P. Patil has been awarded with a silver cup of about 75 rupees. The article written by him will be shortly published in the papers.

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There was a net increase of Rs. 17,879-9-7 during the year under report, and the Trustees hold Government Securities of the face value of Rupees Four lacs.

Safety Instructors' Course

Mr. A. S. Trollip, Chairman of the Bombay Provincial Branch of the Safety First Association of India, inaugurated at 8 a.m. on Thursday, the second Safety Instructors' Course at the Training Institute for Physical Education, Kandivli. In his inaugural address, Mr. Trollip stressed the importance of manual dexterity.

Principal, Mr. P. M. Joseph, in welcoming Mr. Trollip, said that physical education was closely allied to safety teaching in instilling habits of health and cleanliness.

The course will last till Saturday, April 5, and will consist of several lectures, demonstrations and film shows. It is being attended by 250 candidates from all over this Presidency. Most of them are graduates and 50 of the trainees are ladies.

Bombay National Guards

The Jt. Hon. Secretary of the Bombay National Guards writes:—

All the members of the B. N. G. are expected to be present at (1) The premises of the Khadi and Village Industries Exhibition, Lad Wadi, C. P. Tank in Civilian dress at 9 p.m. to-day (Friday). (2) At 4 p.m. in full uniform on Saturday at the abovementioned place. (3) At 7 a.m. on Sunday, the 6th instant, in full uniform at Chowpatty to attend Flag Salutation. (4) At 8 a.m.—6 p.m. Street and house to house collections for the Devence Relief Fund on Sunday.

Bengali Film At West End

New Theatres Bengalee film 'Doctor' which has no Hindustani version will be shown at West End on Friday and Saturday. Pankaj Mullick plays the philanthropic doctor in the film.

ACCIDENTAL DEATH FROM DROWNING.

BOMBAY, Thursday.

A verdict of accidental death from drowning was recorded by the Bombay City Coroner at the inquest to-day on an unknown person (20), whose dead body was found floating in the Banganga Tank, yesterday.

Mr. Rustom Dinshaw Kanga who succeeds Mr. P. D. Mahaluxmiwala as Secretary of the B. E. S. T. Company.

NATIONAL WEEK
Khadi Sales At Reduced Rates

The A. I. S. A. authorities, Khadi Bhandar write:—

It has been our practice to sell Khadi at reduced rates in commemoration of the National Week.

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It is hoped that the citizens of Bombay will utilise the occasion by making largest purchases of Khaddar.

Muslim League Arts And Crafts Exhibition

The Art and Crafts Exhibition, first of its kind to be organised by the Sub-Committee of the Bombay Provincial Muslim League, was opened by the Dowager Lady Currimbhoy Ebrahim, at Dongri, on Thursday.

The Exhibition contained nearly 40 stalls, displaying the exhibits sent by various individuals and institutions.

An interesting feature of the Exhibition was the section assigned to the Dawoodbhoy Fazalbhoy Educational Trust. It contained a large number of specimens of the works executed by the students of the Institution, in embroidery, knitting and painting.

Mrs. K. M. Datoobhoy, Secretary of the Exhibition, requesting Lady Currimbhoy Ebrahim to declare open the Exhibition appealed for public support and encouragement.

A large number of Muslim women, including Miss Jinnah, visited the exhibition.

DEWAN BAHADUR RAMASWAMI RETIRES

A Popular Figure In City South Indian Circles

After a record service of 34 years in the Public Works Department of the Bombay Government, Rajakarya Prasakta Dewan Bahadur K. Ramaswamy, J.P., Assistant Engineer retires to-day (April 4, 1941).

Dewan Bahadur Ramaswamy's career, official and public, has been an eventful one and it serves as an inspiration to many. His genial temperament, spirit of sacrifice and philanthropic nature have won him the great popularity that he enjoys to-day among all the sections of the public of Bombay, particularly the South Indians, Mysoreans and the Karnatakis. He has also been a well-known figure in the sporting circles in Bombay having been in charge of the most of the sporting maidans in the city.

In the course of his service the Dewan Bahadur has carried out many important engineering works in Bombay including the construction of the Council Hall, Central Press, the Administration and X'ray Block in the G. T. Hospital, Children's Hospital at the J. J. Hospital, the Gateway of India and the Royal Institute of Science. With the abolition of the Development Department, the Back Bay Reclamation Scheme was transferred to the Bombay P.W.D. for lay-out and construction.

Dewan Bahadur Ramaswamy is handling over his charge of his office to-day and earning a well-deserved rest. Although retiring from Bombay Government's services, he desires to make Bombay his home as he has lived here for more than 30 years, and continue his social and humanitarian activities.

JAIPRAKASH IN J. J. HOSPITAL

BOMBAY, Thursday.

Mr. Jayaprakash Narayan, who was arrested by Bombay Police under orders from the U. P. Government, is now lying ill in the J. J. Hospital where, it is learnt, two of his teeth were extracted. He is, otherwise cheerful, and is expected to leave the hospital within a couple of days.

REDUCE ANNUAL TELEPHONE RENTAL

The Committee of 16 appointed by the Poona Telephone Subscribers' Association met on 31st March, 1941, at Haroon Mansion under the chairmanship of Sardar K. B. Pudumjee, and resolved that the proposed measured rate system of telephones to be introduced in Poona by Government is unwarranted and unjustifiable.

They also appealed to the Government to reduce the rates of the rental, and adopt a reduced flat rate.

B. B. & C. I. RLY. WAR PLANES FUND
Lucky Number Scheme

The Lucky Number Scheme organised by the B. B. and C. I. Railway War Planes Fund (for the R.A.F.) Committee, and licensed by the Collector, Bombay, has now been closed, and the Prize Numbers will be announced at a special gathering on the lawn of the Railway's General Offices in Bombay at 5-30 p.m. to-day (Friday).

All holders of ticket in the Scheme are invited to attend.

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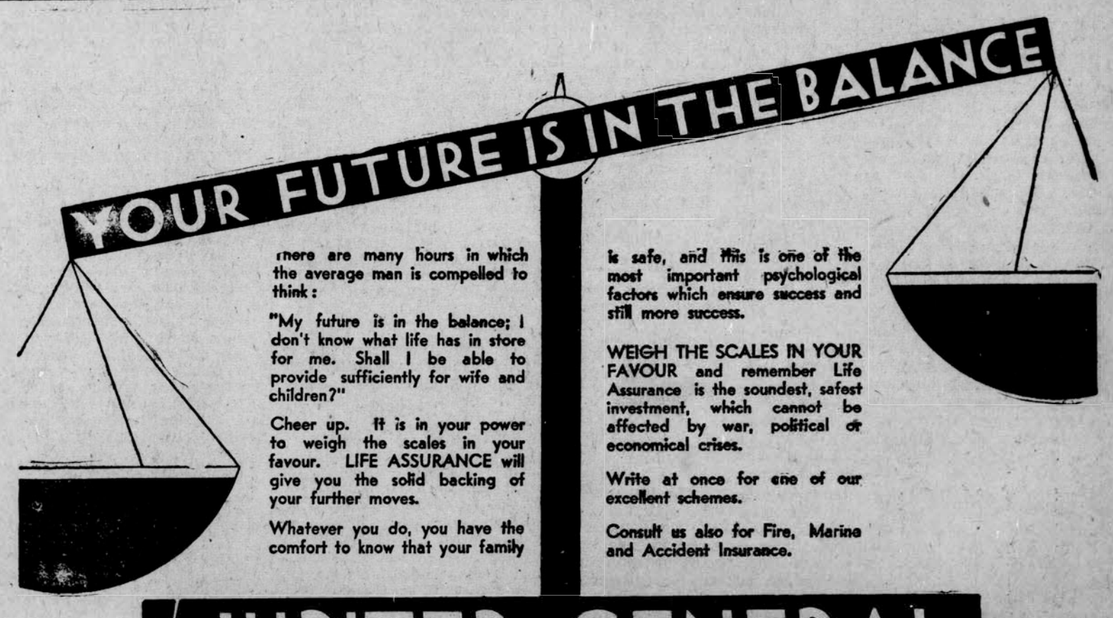

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GOVERNMENT AND INDUSTRIES

It was a modest resolution that Pandit Hridayanath Kunzru moved in the Council of State, recommending "a review of the industrial development of the country and formulation of a plan, taking into account post-war conditions as far as practicable, to fill up the lacunae in the existing industrial system and to bring about a comprehensive and co-ordinated industrial development of the country." As the resolution was in general terms and gave Government wide enough latitude both in respect of the scope of the suggested plan and the time to carry it out, Government could have wholeheartedly accepted it. But for reasons best known to themselves they opposed it, the Commerce Member only reiterating his statement in the Assembly that Government were already seriously considering the question of post-war adjustment. As if this serious consideration were a gracious enough concession, Sir Ramaswami Mudaliar urged Pandit Kunzru to withdraw his resolution. But when the latter declined to do so, the Commerce Secretary moved a milder resolution by way of an amendment, which Pandit Kunzru accepted on the plea that half a loaf was better than no bread. The substitute resolution urged Government "to review the industrial development of the country, taking into account the post-war conditions as far as practicable and bearing in mind the desirability of filling up the lacunae in the existing industrial system and of bringing about coordinated industrial development in the country." A close examination of the two resolutions shows that the latter absolves Government from "the formulation of a plan", suggested by Pandit Kunzru. The omission of the word "comprehensive" from the original resolution is also significant. We can only hope Government will do at least what they have undertaken to do.

Unhelpful Attitude

At the present moment Government are naturally making strenuous efforts to stimulate such industries as are directly and immediately useful for war purposes. But they are not prepared to go farther. Nor is there any certainty that the industries now helped in the interests of the war will continue to be helped after the war. But even in respect of industries in support of war they have taken in the past, and are still taking, very narrow views. In spite of the experience of the last war they did nothing to help industries like aircraft, ship-building and the manufacture of motor cars. Even now in the case of the first two Government are doing but little, compared with the needs and possibilities of the country, though, as pointed out by Mr. Kunzru, extensive ship-building has been undertaken on behalf of the British Government both in Australia and Canada. As regards Government's ship-building programme in India, they have declined to give any information about this on the ground that it would not be in the public interest to publish such information. We may gather that Government do not expect the information to enthuse the people. In this connection Mr. Walchand Hirachand asks a question to which Government will find it difficult to give a satisfactory reply: "Can Government deny," he asks, "that it is they who are responsible for having wasted valuable time in bringing about the timely inception of ship-building industry in this country?" And the public will be inclined to accept his view when he adds: "Let no one be deceived by what the Commerce Member says about assistance given for obtaining a site and facilities for getting materials. It is like allowing facilities of making bricks without the necessary straw. It is not possible to avoid feeling that the policy of the Government in this regard has been one of stubborn and uncompromising opposition instead of that of sympathy as the Commerce Member would have it known."

Failure Of Commerce Department

With regard to the automobile industry Government still decline to give any help, though it is bound to be a great help in war if the war is prolonged. With regard to their attitude towards the scheme sponsored by several Bombay businessmen Sir M. Visveswaraya regretfully observes: "The Government have been giving different reasons at different times for declining help. The promoters first asked for a gesture of support and sympathy for a local industry by grant of concessions usually vouchsafed by progressive Governments. The reply was of a routine nature, namely, that they were bound by the orders passed on the Fiscal Commission Report of 1921-22, under which they could not consider grant of help or subsidy to any industry until it was started and found itself in difficulties; nor could they promise to make purchases until they actually saw the products. We then lowered our demands and asked only for two concessions. One of them was an undertaking not to reduce the present revenue duty on motor vehicles for ten years. It may be mentioned parenthetically that the present revenue duty on motor vehicles is 37 1|2 per cent against foreign imports generally and 30 per cent against British products. The duty in Germany and Italy, when I last visited those countries five years ago, was 100 and 80 per cent, respectively. The second concession asked for was sanction to import some special parts, free of duty, in accordance with the practice under similar circumstances in Canada. Both these were refused." It may be remembered that the Bombay Government, while the Congress Party was in power in 1939, had provisionally agreed to guarantee 3 or 3 1|2 per cent interest on the share capital of the venture for a period of ten years. Since the Congress Government went out of office, the promoters of the Bombay scheme have been asking for a ratification of that promise. But the communique issued by the Government of India in December last seems to dash to the ground this hope also. When this is the attitude of Government with regard to the automobile industry, which is helpful alike in peace and war, one cannot be very hopeful of their doing much for Indian industries in general now or after the war. Mr. Walchand says: "The Government's speeches on an important issue like the industrialisaion of the country at these most favourable times leave the impression that the Government have no dearth of plausible reasons for not doing things. I am constrained to observe that the Commerce Department from whom Indian industries expect protection and whose duty is to do its utmost to enable India to rise as an industrial giant from this emergency as did the Dominions after the last war, are deserting her interest and betraying her cause at a critical moment in the history of the country." Mr. Walchand's condemnation of the present policy of the Commerce Department will be endorsed by the country.

Crisis Deepens

Yugo-Slavia is facing an increasingly grave situation. It was obviously difficult to reconcile the main objective of Germany with the fundamental principle of Yugo-Slav policy. So that negotiations have apparently reached a deadlock. What next? The Nazis have received such a blow to their plans and prestige that nothing less than a complete acceptance by General Simovitch not only of the Tripartite Pact as it is but also of its practical implications that may arise in the future can possibly restore the position for them. Hence the intensification of the war of nerves including an atrocity campaign full of myths. But will the present crisis stop where it is or culminate soon in war?

The Belgrade correspondent of the 'New York Times' reports that "in high diplomatic quarters in Belgrade the outlook is described as hopeless and war as inevitable." This may be so. But, on the other hand, certain other considerations have got to be noted. There seems to be no doubt that Signor Mussolini is seriously perturbed. And justifiably so. For, if Yugo-Slavia is involved in the war, she will immediately attack Italy in the rear. A few divisions will be sufficient to liquidate Il Duce's army in Albania with far-reaching consequences both in the Balkans and elsewhere. Greece and Yugo-Slavia will—even if Turkey remains out—with the help of British forces present Germany with a real second front which she dreads so much. Will Herr Hitler risk such a situation since in the first place it would be betrayal of Signor Mussolini and, more important than that, he is not supposed to be ready yet?

Frankly Speaking

Delaying Tactics

A military spokesman at Cairo declared on Wednesday that "Massawa, the Italian Red Sea port of Eritrea, is expected to fall at any moment." He would not be so confidently definite without good and sufficient reason. It is, therefore, quite likely that Massawa is by now in British hands. Let us hope this capture yields, in considerable measure, other rich fruits, too, in the shape of war material and ships. But even though the capture of Massawa may mean the conquest of the whole of Eritrea, the campaign is by no means over. The Italian forces are retreating from Asmara towards Abyssinia. They are being pursued by the British, but it is clear that they will keep the pursuing force busy for a long time. The Italians apparently know that they are doomed. But they do not intend to capitulate. The obvious reason is that they want at all costs to delay the release of British forces from service elsewhere.

Improbable

According to a report in Lord Beaverbrook's paper, the "Daily Express", Turkey, Greece and Yugo-Slavia are about to form a defence alliance. A situation can be easily visualised when these three countries will find themselves fighting together. But in our opinion it will not be preceded by the formation of such a defence alliance. A Balkan bloc of countries still outside Nazi hegemony is possible only if Russia guarantees it. Of that there is no likelihood even though the Soviet Ambassador in London may attend a thanksgiving service celebrating the accession of King Peter to the throne of Yugo-Slavia. In this connection it is further noteworthy that Russia has expressed no views, official or semi-official, on the Peter-Simovitch coup.

The Two Mayors

Mr. Mathuradas Tricumjee, the retiring Mayor, deserves all the tributes paid to him on the occasion of his retirement by representatives of all the parties in the Corporation. A staunch Congressman, he discharged his responsibilities as Mayor with impeccable impartiality. By his earnestness even in matters of detail and his sound knowledge of constitutional procedure and the work of the Corporation in all its aspects, he has maintained the best tradition of mayoralty. His mayority has been one of the most successful in the history of the Bombay Municipal Corporation. His successor, Dr. Collaco, is also an experienced and earnest City Father and we trust he will be as he wishes to be, above all parties. We congratulate him on his success.

Intermediate Mathematics Paper

We have received letters from several candidates at the last Intermediate Arts Examination complaining that their Mathematics paper was extremely difficult, that fewer optional questions were given than was usual and that a few questions were outside the prescribed syllabus. We are not in a position to say whether these allegations are well-founded. It will be well for professors of Mathematics to express their views on the subject. But if it is true that there is a sudden and radical change in the nature of the paper and that it contained questions outside the prescribed course, the authorities concerned should promptly investigate into the matter and grant due concessions where they are found necessary.

Strategic Situation In The Pacific

By CAPTAIN CYRIL FALLS

(IN A RECENT B. B. C. TALK)

What is the present strategic situation in the Pacific Ocean? This is a question affecting every country with a Pacific coastline. Captain Cyril Falls, military correspondent of the "Times", explains the geographical considerations which govern naval, military, and air dispositions in this vast area.

On the 24th, the Headquarters of the Japanese Expeditionary Force in China announced that that morning its troops had made a new landing in Kwangchow Bay, which is in Kwangtung Province and not very far from Hongkong. This is the latest of a series of landings along the coast of South China with the avowed design of strengthening the blockade and preventing supplies from reaching the Chinese Government at Chungking.

I shall not attempt to give the dispositions of the Japanese army in southern China, because the figures are in dispute, but it is known that Japan has considerable forces in that area as well as at Hainan, the big island off the coast of French Indo-China, which she took from China two years ago. She also has aircraft on Hainan, and there are reports that the airfields already established there have recently been enlarged. Japan has also troops on the island of Formosa.

The other important elements in the strategic situation in the Far East and the Pacific are the dispute between Thailand and Indo-China, where Japan has assumed the part of mediator; the strengthening of the garrison at Singapore by Ausaralian troops: the position of the rich Dutch East Indies, which adhere to the Queen of the Netherlands and depend to some extent on British protection; the increased fortification of United States based in the Pacific; and, of course, the visit of the Japanese Foreign Minister, Mr. Matsuoka, to Berlin.

I am going to deal chiefly with the Pacific, but first of all, a word about the Australians at Singapore. You may think it is belated comment, as it is nearly six weeks since they landed. But my particular point has not been made, so far as I have noticed.

As you all know, Australia has the absolute disposal of her own forces. The General Staff at the War Office can say how it would like them employed, but the Australian Government has the last say in the matter. It shows a very sound strategic sense on the part of Australia that she should recognise that her own territory and her communications with the rest of the Empire can be defended at Singapore.

She has shown the same quality earlier in the war, and indeed in the last war too, when she sent her forces to take part in the defence of the Suez Canal, but perhaps her interests and those of the Empire in the Suez Canal were rather more obvious than at Singapore. Yet Singapore, straddling the route between the Pacific and the Indian Oceans, is of immense importance also. It is likewise, probably, the most perfect and most strongly fortified colonial naval base in the world.

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The first and most obvious thing one notices as one glances at the map of the Pacific is the manner in which it is studded with islands. These have always had a strategic significance, but since the day of the long-range aircraft—comparatively recent day—their importance has greatly increased.

Get hold of a map showing which of these islands have been fortified and are used as air and naval bases or as both. This will give you some interesting food for thought.

From the west coast of the United States, if you start at San Diego, which is in itself a base, your eye runs along a line of fortified bases going straight across the Pacific. First comes Honolulu, something over 2,000 miles out. Then Wake Island, something under 2,000 miles further on. Then Guam, only another 1,200 or 1,300 miles further. Then finally, Manila in the Philippines. And Manila is only about 600 miles odd from Hongkong.

But this single line of bases straight across the Pacific doesn't represent quite the whole story. Lying to the north of it and forming roughly an equilateral triangle with Honolulu and Wake, is Midway, so named because it is supposed to be half way across the Pacific between America and Asia.

Then up in the north, in the United States' Alaskan territory, is Dutch Harbour.

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Japan also has bases pushed out into the Pacific, Yap and the Palau Islands, lying in a straight line south of the United States base of Guam, and fairly close to the Philippines. It reminds one of a chess board.

Great Britain has no such strong island bases in the Pacific, but she has Hong Kong in addition to Singapore, and troops of the Empire are established at Fiji. South and south-west of the American and Japanese bases lie the islands of the Dutch East Indies.

Three of these islands, New Guinea, Borneo, and Sumatra, are among the largest in the world. But New Guinea is about two-thirds British and Borneo about a third or a quarter. These Dutch East Indies are rich in many of the products which are in demand to-day, and they represent the greater part of the free Dutch Empire; that is to say, with Holland itself in the hands of the Nazis, they are the main territory of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, which is an ally of Great Britain.

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They have their own defence forces, both Dutch and Malay, land, air and sea. But, as I said before, they depend to a considerable extent upon British aid for their defence. Then Singapore is, so to speak, only a stone's throw from Sumatra, the most westerly of the big islands.

This system of bases dotted about the Pacific represents a comparatively new feature of strategy. Most of them have only small garrisons of troops, except for the American base at Manila, and of course our base at Singapore.

On the other hand, a considerable proportion of the troops commonly consisted of artillery, to guard the special facilities assembled on the island. These facilities consist of fuelling stations for

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Detrimental To Empire's Interests

MR. WALCHAND ON IMPLICATIONS OF GOVT.'S "CALLOUS ATTITUDE" TOWARDS SHIPPING INDUSTRY

NEW DELHI, April 3

"The Government have evidently no serious intention of allowing the legitimate growth of industries in this country and if further proof was at all required of their deliberate apathy in this regard it was revealed by the Government spokesman on the innocuous resolution moved by Pandit Hridaynath Kunzru in the Council of State yesterday," observed Mr. Walchand Hirachand in the course of a Press statement.

Continuing Mr. Walchand says: "Though the resolution of Pandit Kunzru recommended only a review of the position and formulation of a plan for post-war adjustments the Government were not satisfied till the resolution was amended to suit their methods and deliberate policy of making a show that they were doing their best under the circumstances.

GRATITUDE TO PT. KUNZRU

"Industrial India, however, should be thankful to Panditji for the resolution at least served the purpose of bringing out a contrast between the Government of India and the Governments of Dominions of Australia, Canada, etc. While the latter are feverishly engaged in building up their major and minor industries despite the circumstances behind which the Government of India take shelter every time to cloak their callous inactivity, the former are talking of raw sulphur and drugs, buttons and tooth brush handles, inter-departmental committees and post-war re-adjustments. There will be nothing to re-adjust after the war as there is no real industrial progress in the country during the war and the Government are using all their powers to see that India emerges from the war a trading country as usual, a granary of the Empire at the behest of British interests with exports and imports of raw materials and manufactured goods respectively and not as a country that has founded its industrial stature among the great manufacturing nations of the world."

Concerning the refusal by the Government to regard the shipbuilding industry as war effort Mr. Walchand Hirachand remarked that he is obliged to agree with the remarks of Mr. P. N. Sapru that the Government of India are doing grievous injury not only to this country but are guilty of harming the interests of the Empire itself by persisting in their "callous attitude towards this industry".

Mr. Walchand added: "The Dominions launched upon these industries—shipping and ship-building—only during the final stages of the last Great War. Can the Government deny that it is they who are responsible for having wasted valuable time in bringing about the timely inception of ship-building industry in this country? Let no one be deceived by what the Commerce Member says about assistance given for obtaining a site and facilities for getting materials. It is like allowing facilities of making bricks without the necessary straw. It is not possible to avoid feeling that the policy of the Government in this regard has been one of stubborn and uncompromising opposition instead of that of sympathy as the Commerce Member would have it known."

BETRAYING INDIA'S CAUSE

Mr. Walchand regretted the answer given by the Commerce Secretary that the Government could not give any assurance to purchase Indian cars even for replacement purposes. He added: "The Government's speeches on an important issue like the industrialisation of the country at these most favourabe times leave impressions that the Government have no dearth of plausible reasons for not doing things. I am constrained to observe that the Commerce Department from whom Indian industries expect protection and whose duty is to its utmost to enable India to rise as an industrial giant from this emergency as did the Dominions after the last war, are deserting her interests and betraying her cause at a critical moment in the history of the country."—United Press.

Daylight Raid On France

LONDON, April 3.

The R. A. F. in daylight on Wednesday bombed enemy aerodromes at Maupertuis—thirty-five miles east of Paris and early 150 miles inside occupied France—Caen and Hamstede. Off the Dutch coast, Blenheim bombers crippled one armed merchant ship, last seen down by the stern and sinking, and scored direct hits on another. A wireless station was attacked and one building collapsed. Two aircraft are missing from these operations, the Air Ministry announce.

THREE BOMBERS DISPOSED OF

Two Junkers 88S and one Dornier bomber which attempted a raid on England were quickly disposed of by British Spitfires and Hurricanes. The first was shot down by a Hurricane patrolling over the south-east coast. The next was dealt with by the pilot and Sergeant-Pilot of a Spitfire over the Sussex coast. The raider was flying low over the coast of Sussex. She was left seen disappearing into the sea.

MINE SWEEPER BRINGS DOWN BOMBER.

A spirited and successful action was fought on Wednesday between the British paddle minesweeper "Lorna Doone" (temporary Lieutenant T. W. Sherrin, and three Dornier bombers. One enemy aircraft is believed to have been destroyed, a second was seen to be badly hit and the third escaped. The only casualties in the Lorna Doone were two wounded. The ship sustained only superficial damage, states the Admiralty communique.

5 NAZI BOMBERS BROUGHT DOWN

Five German bombers were destroyed over England yesterday. Under cover of low clouds the Germans attempted a number of small attacks on British aerodromes but most of the attacks proved ineffective and the serviceability of the aerodromes is not affected, states the Air Ministry.

For the sixth night out of nine Britain was virtually free of raids on Tuesday night. Few bombs were dropped during the evening in South-East England, states an Air Ministry communique. These caused little damage and no casualties. It was London's twelfth successive night without bombs.

TETE-A-TETE

WITHOUT COMMENT.

"These reports are a pure invention", declared the German leader of the German minority in Yugoslavia, in a broadcast from Belgrade denying propaganda stories of atrocities committed against Germans in Yugoslavia. He added that he had requested the German authorities to issue an official denial of these reports.

—Belgrade Report.

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Protesting in the Bengal Assembly against a Government order on a newspaper, Sjt. Sarat Chandra Bose declared that 'he had not found one word which could be construed as a prejudicial report if *a fair and liberal meaning* was given to those words under the Defence of India Rules'. (Our italics).

Didn't Sjt. Bose thereby argue in defence of the Defence of India Rules?

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We heartily welcome Mr. Amery's written reply as regards the political situation in India.

It ends the agony of expectancy from which the knights of the Taj Mahal Conference were indubitably suffering.

Later.

The end is not exactly in sight. The Patient-in-Chief has just been invited by the Viceroy.

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"From meagre reports which have trickled through of the unrest in Syria it is difficult", complains Anglo-India, "to decipher what is actually taking place".

Easy enough, Imperialism is reaping the whirlwind cleverly fanned by the opportunist Nazis.

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In the House of Commons, "Mr. R. A. Butler emphasised that the British Government had no territorial ambitions in Abyssinia".

We beg to emphasize our gratification—interim.

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Among those who attended a thanksgiving service in London to celebrate king Peter's accession to the Yugoslav throne, was the Russian Ambassador, M. Maisky.

The question is whether his attendance was more real than his thanksgiving in a chruch.

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On his return journey Mr. Matsuoka proposes to stay in Germany as a private citizen.

Since he is already known and recognised he will, we hope, be spared the attentions of the Gestapo.

His education will, of course, be incomplete. But the advantage of escaping an experience cannot be ignored either.

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Ah a pro-Axis demonstration in Tokyo, "Benzai" was shouted for the Emperor of Japan, Herr Hitler, the King of Italy, Signor Mussolini and Regent Horthy of Hungary.

What about poor King Boris of Bulgaria and the poorer King Michael of Rumania.

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According to the Rome correspondent of the 'Christian Science Monitor', the Nazi control over Italy has been followed by a wholesale purge of the Fascist Party officials province by province.

Getting a taste of their own castor oil! Not a bad kind of poetic justice.

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The Axis "demand" on the U. S. A. to release their ships and crews has been followed up by "protest".

The third stage should then be one of "representation", the fourth "reservation" of all rights and then, of course, silence.

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And then there was the man who went to the 8-Flag Ball with the Indian national tricolour in his hand!

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TO-DAY'S PRIZE HOWLERS.

(Perpetrated By The Junior Colleague)

(1) Hitler has promised to hand over Yugoslavia to Mussolini as compensation for the loss of the Duce's Italian Empire.

(2) The Pope will forward a gold medal to Hitler also for his distinguished services in the cause of peace and Christianity.

(3) Now that Sir Tej Bahadur Sapru is going to see the Viceroy 50 others all over India are packing up to leave for New Delhi at short notice.

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She: "It's awfully good of you to ask me to preside at the bazaar, but I'm afraid I've nothing to come in."

He: "My dear lady, please don't let that deter you."

U.S. Fleet To Convoy British Ships

Anglo-American Move To Meet Axis Menace

LONDON, (By Cable)

Walter Farr, the "Daily Mail" Washington correspondent, cabled on March 30:—

A high American authority in close touch with the United States Navy Department has informed me that all necessary technical steps are now being taken to prepare for the convoying of British cargo ships in the Atlantic by the American Navy.

The authority who made this statement would not discuss the procedure President Roosevelt will adopt for ordering convoys. Washington officials take the view that Mr. Roosevelt could either place a Bill before Congress amending the present Neutrality Law provisions regarding the combat zone (now forbidden to American ships), or make an order as Commander-in-Chief of the Navy after consultation with Congressional leaders and his Defence Chiefs.

U. S. FLEET WILL PLAY ITS FULL PART

"American warships will play their full part in seeing that vast numbers of planes, tanks, guns and food reach Britain safely said the authority.

"Convoying of British ships by the American Navy will begin in some form in the very near future. It will take a form which will be extremely helpful to the British Navy.

"It will be preceded by other steps by which the British and American fleets will co-operate to meet Axis moves.

"These may include the concentration of American naval power in the Pacific to release British warships needed elsewhere.

ANGLO-AMERICAN MOVES IN ATLANTIC AND BALKANS

IMPORTANT DIPLOMATIC AND MILITARY CONFERENCES IN WASHINGTON

LONDON (By Cable).

Arrangements are now completed for a series momentous military and diplomatic conferences between representatives of the Governments of Britain, Canada and America in Washington during the next few days, says the "Daily Mail" correspondent in Washington.

Mr. Roosevelt after a week's cruise off Florida—he had planned for a two weeks' holiday—unexpectedly left Florida on March 30.

It is expected that the Canadian Prime Minister, Mr. Mackenzie King, will be coming to Washington to confer with Mr. Roosevelt at an early date.

The President will also receive Lord Halifax, Sir Arthur Salter (who will discuss the gigantic new merchant shipbuilding programme to be launched in the United States and Canada), and representatives of the new Yugoslavian Arms Purchasing Mission which is being set up in America, as well as his Chief Secretaries of State, Mr. Hull, Mr. Stimson, Col. Knox and Mr. Morgenthau.

Steps to meet the U-Boat menace in the Atlantic will be the first on the agenda during these talks.

The other main topic will be joint Anglo-American diplomatic moves in the Balkans and the Far East.

Soon President Roosevelt is expected to announce plans for the creation of an organisation to speed up the Lend and Lease programme to ensure that weapons made in America for democratic countries are made to standard design and are of the most modern type.—Reuter

Dacca Arrests Total 418!

Magistrate Wounded In Communal Riot In Village

DACCA, April 3.

One more injured person was brought to hospital last night. There was some brickbat throwing and a man, armed with a deadly weapon, was arrested at Jorpool lane.

The total number of arrests made so far in connection with the communal riot is 418.

The Executive Council of Dacca University, at its meeting yesterday, decided to close the University upto April 15. The Jugganath Intermediate College reopened yesterday but the attendance was thin.

The examinations of the Dacca University which were postponed owing to the communal disturbances will commence from April 7.

MAGISTRATE INJURED

Mr. S. B. Hatch-Barnwell, Additional District Magistrate of Dacca, has been admitted into the Mitford Hospital, having been wounded in communal disturbances in some villages near Khanapara Railway station within Raipura Thana in Narayanganj Sub-Division.

The disturbances, according to information received here, started in the locality, which is about thirty miles from Dacca, on the night of April 1. A number of houses are reported to have been set fire to and looted. On receipt of information, The District Magistrate immediately sent Mr Hatch-Barnwell with an armed force to the village. The latter was, however, brought back to Dacca this afternoon with injuries reported to have been sustained at the hands of the rioters

Mr. Hatch-Barnwell was operated upon by the Civil Surgeon and there is no cause for anxiety.—A. P.

Two Destroyers Less!

Mussolini's Loss; De Valera Complains Against Nazi Attacks On Irish Ships

LONDON, April 3.

An Admiralty communique issued to-day says:—"The Commander-in-Chief, the East Indies, reports one Italian destroyer has been sunk by aircraft and that another has been left in a sinking condition. Both these destroyers had recently left Massawa. These losses inflicted on the enemy are in addition to the Italian destroyer of the Pantera class, the destruction of which was announced yesterday."

NAZI ATTACKS ON IRISH SHIPS

Eire has suffered from the Nazi attacks on shipping, Mr. de Valera revealed in the Dail at Dublin. During the last four weeks he stated one Irish vessel had been sunk, and three others attacked. In all cases the attacking aircraft had been identified as German and the Eire Charge d'Affaires in Berlin had been instructed to protest and demand compensation. Asked if he would make immediate and urgent representations to the United States to remove the restrictions on United States shipping to Eire, Mr. de Valera replied that such representations were made at early stage of the war unsuccessfully. They had made offers to purchase United States vessels and had asked United States authorities to facilitate them in obtaining necessary licences.—Reuter.

FOUND ABLAZE AND ABANDONED

SANTIAGO, (Chile) April 3.

It is now confirmed that the German steamers "Muenchen" and "Hermonthis" which slipped out of Callao harbour on Monday have been found ablaze and abandoned by their crews.

The two steamers were discovered by the Peruvian cruiser "Almirante Grau."—Reuter.

Cold 'Douche' For Sapru's Peace Efforts

Assembly Circles' View Of Amery's Repetition Of His August Offer

(From Our Correspondent.)

NEW DELHI, April 3.

Considerable surprise and resentment is noticeable in Assembly circles at the statement of Mr. Amery in Parliament. Considerations of official prestige appear to have prompted the Secretary of State to come out at this stage with a statement insisting that his August offer is the last word on the subject but the fact is the August offer has been interpreted in many ways and may mean anything or nothing.

One prominent member of the Assembly said to-day "Mr. Amery has thrown cold water on peace efforts of Dr. Sapru".

It is not expected that the coming interview between Dr. Sapru and Lord Linlithgow will be conclusive as Viceroy's intention appears to be to seek certain further particulars and communicate again with Whitehall.

Government's intention as per August offer is to have two European officials, four Muslims, four Hindus, one Sikh and one representative of scheduled castes in the Executive Council.

Viceroy Invites Sapru

(From Our Correspondent.)

ALLAHABAD, April 3.

Sir Tej Bahadur Sapru has received an invitation from His Excellency the Viceroy to see him on Monday, April 7, at Delhi.-

It is believed that the Viceroy is now in possession of preliminary views of Whitehall regarding Sir Tej Bahadur's memorandum on Bombay Conference which was submitted to the Viceroy a few days ago.

The reaction to Sir Tej Bahadur's efforts and Bombay Conference has been quite favourable, it is reported, among certain outstanding politicians in England who, it is said, have informed Sir T. B. Sapru of their wholehearted support to Bombay resolutions.

Some prominent visitors have been visiting Sir T. Sapru's residence since passing of the Bombay resolutions.

Chinese Ambassador To Leave London

Instructions From Generalissimo To Return To Chungking

LONDON, April 3.

Doctor Quo Tai Chi, the popular Chinese Ambassador in London, is leaving for China shortly, "Reuter" learns.

Interviewed by "Reuter", the Ambassador said that he had received instructions from General Chiang Kai Shek to return to Chungking.

Regarding a rumour that he will become the Foreign Minister in place of Doctor Wang Chung Hui, the Ambassador stated that he could say nothing as any announcement must come from Chungking.

Dr. Quo will travel by America where Madam Quo and their two sons have been staying since early in the war.

Dr. Quo has been Ambassador in London for over eight years where he has won wide popularity and prestige. His speeches on Chinese and world affairs have been particularly notable and his departure will be greatly regretted by a wide circle of friends.—Reuter.

Criminal Neglect

OF

India's Masses

"How terribly and criminally we have neglected them! Here there is no antagonism to the textile or the sugar or the rice mills. Their products must be preferred to the corresponding foreign products. If they were in danger of extinction from foreign competition, they should receive the needed support. But they stand in no such need. They are flourishing in spite of foreign competition. What is needed is protection of the village crafts and the workers behind them from the crushing competition of the power-driven machinery, whether it is worked in India or in foreign lands."—MAHATMA GANDHI.

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THE KHADI AND VILLAGE INDUSTRIES EXHIBITION,

To be held at

Lad Wadi and Ram Wadi, C.P. Tank Road,

from 5th to 20th April, 1941.

REJOINDER TO VICHY'S PROTEST

France Not A Free Agent But Controlled By Nazis

Vichy Is Forced To Make Entire Machinery Of Trade And Industry Subservient To Axis War Effort

LONDON, April 2.

REPUDIATING VICHY GOVERNMENT'S ASSERTION THAT THE BRITISH BLOCKADE OF UNOCCUPIED FRANCE AND COLONIES IS POINTLESS, UNJUST AND ILLEGAL, THE MINISTRY OF ECONOMIC WARFARE CONTROVERTS, FIRSTLY, THE CONTENTION THAT UNOCCUPIED FRANCE HAS THE STATUS OF A SOVEREIGN, INDEPENDENT NEUTRAL STATE.

The Ministry asserts that the Vichy authorities are forced to take every measure to aid German and Italian war effort, importing in consultation with the enemy goods from colonies, allowing large quantities of these goods to reach the enemy, sending goods direct to Italian ports in French ships and allowing French ships to trade with the occupied zone.

Moreover, industries in unoccupied France are known to be working for the enemy. Every sort of German interference with French industry, designed to increase the efficiency of Germany's war machine, is tolerated while uniformed enemy officers and troops are ubiquitous in unoccupied territory and even in North Africa.

Secondly, when it became clear that France was not a free agent but was controlled by Germany, it became necessary for Britain to use full belligerent rights—against the French.

It is argued that to refrain from such steps would be as disastrous for France as for Britain since it would prolong German domination over France.

Thirdly, even if France were able effectively to maintain full independence, Britain would not be able to forego the ordinary right of contraband and enemy export control over French ships anymore than she can in the case of Swedish, Spanish, Portuguese, Japanese and other neutral vessels.

Since October, the British Navy has intercepted in the Atlantic and Indian Oceans over 100,000 tons of Vichy shipping of which a great majority has been brought into British service.

The ships will be returned to their owners after the war and compensation paid for their use.—Reuter.

INDIAN TROOPS & NAVY PLAY BIG ROLE

(Continued from Page 1

Keren and Asmara. H. M. I. S. Ratnagiri successfully carried out the difficult task of landing troops and supplies on the Eritrean coast. This is only one of the many kinds of duties in which ships of the Royal Indian Navy have featured.

Their principal work has been to escort and patrol the Red Sea, the Persian Gulf and the Indian Ocean. Their duties have been arduous and continuous. When Berbera was recaptured from the Italians, H. M. I. S. Parvathi and H. M. I. S. Netravathi came under the fire of Italian shore batteries but suffered no damages or casualties. Seven ships of the Royal Indian Navy have been operating under the Commander-in-Chief of the East Indies. The Commander-in-Chief has paid a special tribute to the Signal Branch of the R. I. N.

BRITAIN, MASTER OF ERITREA

Earlier reports stated:

Fall of Massawa, the Eritrean naval base on the Red Sea, is expected any moment, a British military spokesman said here to-night.

After the capitulation of Asmara the Italian forces are making no attempt to defend the port. They have taken the main road to the south and are at present in full retreat closely pursued by the Imperial Forces and suffering from hammering by the Royal Air Force.

Harried untiringly by British airmen the Italian army, some 50,000 strong is streaming south from Asmara without much hope of making a stand; the whole of Eritrea except for an unimportant coastal strip running south to Assab, is in British hands. The East African campaign is thus entering the final phase with the Italians' backs to the wall concentrating on a final effort to defend Addis Ababa.

A military spokesman to-night spoke of the soldierly qualities of the Duke of Aosta, adding that he was no quitter and would probably be found in Addis Ababa when it fell.

Indian Troops' Stubbornness

It took three months of the fiercest fighting of the war in Africa to reach Asmara, the Capital of Italy's oldest colony, writes Reuter's special correspondent with the British forces in Eritrea.

Te city stands on a great 7,000 feet high plateau protected on all sides by diminishing ranges of hills.

Our troops advanced more than 250 miles across the country, stubbornly pushing back the enemy more than twice their number.

The Italians had the advantage of native troops who are used to the country. They are renowned fighters but their spirit was broken at Keren by THE STUBBORNNESS OF THE BRITISH AND INDIANS.

Indians Push Them Back

The signal corps performed extraordinary feats throughout the campaign. During the battle of Keren alone they laid 300 miles of wire keeping it in order over a ground constantly swept by machinegun fire and motars.

The sappers were also unusually prominent since rapid advance depended upon the speed with which they cleared the numerous blocks in the road.

At all but one of these blocks they had to work under fire, yet they cleared them within 12 hours In breaking through the fourth road block encountered, our troops destroyed a battalion of savoy grenadiers.

Seventeen officers and 500 men were captured including a Colonel who was found hiding in a ditch. Over a hundred Eritreans were taken.

Our armoured vehicles advanced along the road to Asmara, INDIAN TROOPS RANGED OVER THE HILLS ON BOTH SIDES PUSHING THE ITALIANS FROM THE HEIGHTS AND SIMULTANEOUSLY ANOTHER MOBILE FORCE ADVANCED DOWN THE RAILWAY SIX MILES TO THE SOUTH. THE CAPITULATION OF THE CAPITAL WAS THE SEQUEL.—Reuter.

INDIAN VILLAGES COME TO BOMBAY CITY

Biggest Exhibition Of Rural Crafts Opens To-morrow At Rambaug

BOMBAY, Thursday

A complete picture of the industrial side of the Indian village, with its numerous though humble village products, the different processes employed in their manufacture and the improvements made in the implements of the village artisan in the light of patient research, will be presented to the citizens of Bombay on Saturday evening, when Mr. Mahadev Desai will declare open the Khadi and Village Industries Exhibition at Rambaug, C.P. Tank.

The Exhibition will be the biggest of its kind held in the city.

The central idea of the exhibition is to "explore the potentialities of village life and to emphasise the interest of the villager." It seeks to combine instruction and entertainment of the general public and to illustrate and popularise the activities of the All-India Spinners' Association and the All-India Village Industries Association.

HOW THEY DO IT

Two big localities known as Ladwadi and Rambaug at C.P. Tank will house the exhibition for a fortnight. Ladwadi will be exclusively devoted to Khadi, the ground floor of the building being set apart for spinning and weaving demonstrations and Khadi exhibits. The sales depots of Khadi will be housed on the first floor.

Rambaug, the temporary home of the village industries will be divided into two sections, one devoted to demonstrations of the processes involved in the village industries products and the other devoted to an "Exhibit Court" of these articles

Papermaking, tanning, soapmaking, button-making, sugarmaking, horn articles, sandalwood work, coir industry, bangle making, pottery, oil pressing, bee-keeping, flour-grinding, cane-work and 'jari' weaving are the items which will be on display at Rambaug. Experts from Wardha and other centres who have been conducting research into some of the industries have arrived in Bombay and will demonstrate to the public the processes of manufacture with the help of the latest implements which they have evolved.

AT LADWADI

A novelty in the Khadi section will be the latest Charkha evolved at the Research Department at Wardha. It is an improvement on the Magan Charkha and is capable of yielding a thousand yards per hour.

Ladwadi will be the centre for a series of carding, spinning and weaving demonstrations beginning from Saturday.

Side by side, with the exhibition, the organisers have arranged a series of lectures on the constructive programme of the Congress by eminent Congressmen who include Kaka Kalelkar, Sjt. Kishorilal Mashruwala, Sjt. Jugatram Dave and Sjt. A. V. Thakkar.

A number of competitions in Charkha spinning and takli spinning have also been arranged during the fortnight.

LEATHER PRODUCTS

A large section at Rambaug will be devoted to tanning which industry is next in importance to textiles so far as the Indian village is concerned. The correct method of tanning and the various uses of the bye-product such as bones, flesh, blood and other parts of the dead animal will be explained. For instance, the fleshings that come off while cleaning the skin can be used for preparing glue. The intestines and the sinews of the backbone are converted into guts used for tennis rackets and musical instruments. The fat is separated from the flesh by boiling and is used for lubricating and for other industrial purposes. The well-boiled flesh and bones as the blood when dried are pounded into powder which is a valuable manure. The horns are used for the manufacture of combs, knife, handles and other articles.

HAND-MADE PAPER

The section devoted to hand-made paper will also be very impressive because of the progress made in the industry due to patient research. The processes of manufacturing paper from san hemp, jute bag pulp, rag pulp etc. will be demonstrated. The implements used for preparation of envelopes, paper pads etc. which, in their finish, are in no way inferior to mill-made products will also be on view.

The "Dietretic Court" is intended to demonstrate the advantages of scientific and balanced diet. A number of charts which give the comparative food value of articles turned out by hand process and by mill will be on view. The section includes the latest models of grinding "chakki", husking machine and oil press.

The seesal fibre industry which yields twine, mattresses, bags, purses etc. is presented in the exhibition.

Coir articles which are the result of research at Honavar in North Kanara find a place in the exhibition.

SUGAR OUT OF RAB

A hand-driven centrifugal machine built at Kolhapur for making sugar out of "rab" of sugar cane juice will be an attraction in the "gur" making section.

The bee-keeping section will demonstrate all the processes which are in vogue at Coorg, Tiruchengode and Honawar.

The different processes employed in the manufacture of soap with the help of a caustic called "saji matti" will interest the visitor.

The organisers of the exhibtion have made elaborate arrangements for the sale of tickets. Eight ticket windows will be open at Rambaug and 2 at Ladwadi. Entrance to Ladwadi and Rambaug will be by a combined ticket costing 2 annas. Lectures can be attended without tickets while entertainment programme will cost 4 annas per head.

EXHIBITION TIME-TABLE

The following is the detailed programme of the Khadi and Village Industries Exhibition:—

April 5: Opening Ceremony at Ram Baug by Shri Mahadeo Desai at 5-30 P.M.

April 7: Lecture by Thakkar Bapa at 6-30 P.M. Subject: 'Harijans and Aborigines'.

April 8: Lecture by Kaka Saheb Kalelkar at 5-45 P.M. Cinema Show of Congress Educational Pictures from 7-15 to 8-15 P.M.

April 9: Lecture by Pandit Sunderlal at 6-30 P.M.

April 10: Lecture by Shri Jugatram Dave at 5-30 P.M. Subject 'The Village In India.' Nrityotsava by Kala Kendra Party from 7-15 to 8-15 P.M.

April 11: Ras and Garba by Bhagini Samaj Party from 6-30 to 7-30 P.M. and Nrutya by Shree Navakumars' Manipuri Dancing Classes from 6-30 to 7-30 P.M. 'Bhav Gît' by Mrs. Gadgil at 7-45 P.M.

April 12: Lecture by Shri Dilkhush Divanji at 5-15 P.M. Subject. 'The Soul of Swaraj.' Variety Entertainment by Vanita Vishram Party from 6-30 to 7-30 P.M.

April 14: Spinning Competition from 3 to 6 P.M. Variety Entertainment by Prof. Deodhar's School of Music from 6-30 to 7-30 P.M.

April 15: Lecture by Swami Anand at 5-30 P.M. Subject Village Industry.' Music Programme by Avinash Vyas 6-45 to 7-30 P.M.

April 16: Lecture by Shri Kishorilal Mashruwala at 5 P.M. Garba and Ras by Santacruz Ladies Garba Party 6-30 to 7-30 P.M.

April 17: Fancy Khadi Dress Competition from 5-30 to 6-45 P.M. Cinema Show of Congress Educational Pictures from 7-15 to 8-15 P.M.

April 18: Hindustani Elocution Competition at 4 P.M. Lecture by Shri Narharibhai Parikh at 6-30 P.M. Sub. 'Place of Cattle in Indian Economy.'

April 19: Lecture by Shri Babalbhai Mehta at 5-30 P.M. Sub. 'How the Villager affects our Daily Life.' 'Nrityotsava' by Kala Kendra Party from 7-15 to 8-15 P.M.

April 20: Concluding Ceremony.

Survey Of Work Done

A joint Meeting of the Khadi and Village Industries Board, its Sub-Committees and the Sub-Committees of the Exhibition Sub-Committee was held to take stock of the work hitherto done by the various Sub-Committees in connection with the Exhibition. Sjt. Dhirajlal Desai, President of the B.P.C.C. was present. Sjt. Vithaldas Jerajani surveyed in brief the work done uptil now and how different sections were being worked out.

The Exhibition Board this time had attached special importance to the Village Industries and the demonstrations arranged in Ram Baug did not cover up the activities all over the Country but indicated a fraction of the work carried on in nearer places in that particular direction. The Exhibition would give them an idea of the vast activities carried out in different parts of the Country.

MARY PICKFORD IN "PRECARIOUS CONDITION"

LONDON, April 3.

Miss Mary Pickford is in "a "a precarious condition" in Saint Vincent Hospital, Los Angeles, states a report reaching London from San Francisco.—Reuter.

More Hopeful

A later cable states:

Mary Pickford's condition is reported in the latest message received here from Hollywood to be more hopeful. She is in hospital under observation for kidney ailment.—Reuter.

All Comedies For This Week

Ann Sothern in "Dulcy" at Metro.

Will Hay in "Ask A Policeman" at Excelsior.

Bud Abbott in "Buck Privates" at Regal.

Lot Of Fun At Excelsior

'Ask A Policeman,' Best Will Hay Comedy

That well-meaning blunderer, Will Hay, ably thwarted and hindered by Graham Moffatt—fatter than ever—and Moore Marriott—still on his last legs—joins the police force, and, in the atmosphere of rural constabulary, surpasses even his previous records for hilarity and proves that although a policeman's lot may not be a happy one, he can certainly make it happy for a lot of people.

This time the indefatigable trio find themselves as representatives of the police, who have to do something to justify their existence. They make several attempts to create an artificial "crime wave", blissfully unconscious of the fact that a real "crime wave" is going merrily on its way right under their very noses. In fact, the gang, who are dealing in smuggling under the leadership of the local squire, even use the tower of the police station for their signals and cellars for their contraband. When, eventually, the three realise this they are not believed as they have had the misfortune to incur the active displeasure of the Chief Constable.

"Ask A Policeman", the Gainsborough picture which is being shown at the Excelsior Theatre, is the merriest of the Will Hay laughter pieces. From the clever broadcasting skit at the beginning to the hilarious finale in the "borrowed" omnibus on the racing track, something is always happening to keep any audience in fits of delighted chuckles and hearty laughter. The star besides his ever-present helpers, is supported by a cast which includes Glennis Lorimer, Peter Gawthorne, Charles Oliver and Herbert Lomas, under the expert direction of Marcel Varnel.

"I MARRIED A NAZI" AT BROADWAY

"I Married A Nazi" at Broadway from to-day stars Joan Bennett, Francis Lederer, Lloyd Nolan and Anna Sten.

Vitally alive, the picture is based on the amazing revelation of a beautiful girl's experiences with the husband she thought she knew. The question it poses is intriguing and provocative: Does a woman ever really know the man she loves? John Bennett and Francis Lederer give inspired performances in their respective roles of husband and wife.

SUNDAY SHOW AT METRO

On Sunday, April 6th at 10 A.M. Spencer Tracy will appear in Clarence Brown's production of "Edison, The Man" a Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer Picture.

BIG MUSICAL AT REGAL

Galaxy Of Glamour Girls In "Buck Privates"

This is a picture from Hollywood about the funny side of camp life of the conscriptees in Uncle Sam's fighting forces, "Buck Privates" comes to the Regal Theatre on Friday.

Bud Abbott and Lou Costello, the serio-comic battlers of radio and the stage, who were immediately signed to a long term contract following their hit in "One Night in the Tropics" share prominent spots in the Universal hit with The Andrews Sisters, the boogie-woogie girls of rhythm, in their first film, "Argentine Nights."

Lee Bowman, recently opposite Lana Turner in a series of films; Alan Curtis, last in "High Sierra", and Jane Frazee, vivacious new film leading lady, foam a two-boys-and-a-girl romantic combination. Nat Pendleton has one of the main supporting comedy roles.

In addition, there is a whole galaxy of glamour girls, including Dorothy Darrell, producer Joe Pasternak's newest "find"; Kay Leslie, one of the "13 baby stars of 1940"; Jeanne Kelly, Nina Orla and Elain Morey.

The Andrews Sisters sing several new songs in "Buck Privates", all of them written by Don Raye and Hughie Prince, composers of "Rhumboogie", "Beat Me, Daddy, Eight to the Bar," and a score of other hits. Their new numbers are, "You're A Lucky Fellow, Mr. Smith," "I Wish You Were Here," "Bounce Me Brother With a Solid Four," "When Private Brown Becomes a Captain" and "Boogie-Woogie Bugle Boy."

"DODGE CITY" AT CAPITOL

The brawling, turbulent, sudden-death milieu of the toughest, roughest town in the cattle country of the 1870's is the background against which Errol Flynn projects his virile, adventurous personality in "Dodge City" which comes to the Capitol Cinema on Friday.

Produced by Warner Bros. in technicolour. "Dodge City" is a spirited and authentic re-creation of those hectic days in the 1870's when the coming of the railroad to the little town at the northern end of the famed Chisholm Trail made it the leading cattle shipping center of that era.

The story, which is an original screen play by Robert Buckner, revolves about the war to the death between Flynn and the murderous gang of gun fighters who have been in control of the town until his arrival, and it is replete with hair-raising incidents.

In the brilliant cast which supports Flynn are Olivia de Havilland, Ann Sheridan, Bruce Cabot, Frank McHugh, Alan Hale, John Litel, Henry Travers, Henry O'Neill, Victor Jory, William Lundigan and Guinn "Big Boy" Williams. The production was directed by Michael Curtiz.

SUNDAY SHOW AT CAPITOL.

"Kid Galahad" with Bette Davis and Edward G. Robinson will be shown at the Capitol Theatre on Sunday morning at 10-30.

Amusing Film At Metro

'Ann Sothern In "Dulcy"

That outstanding screen favourite, Ann Sothern, brings new laughs to audiences in her latest comedy, "Dulcy" which opens to-day at the Metro Theatre.

"Dulcy" outlines the exploits of a modern young woman who has good ideas but whose faculty for running other people's affairs get them as well as herself into hilarious difficulties. Miss Sothern has never turned in a more finished performance. Her scenes in every instance are perfectly timed. In this drama she is given an opportunity to wear a wardrobe of smart, Adrian-designed clothes, some trick hairdresses, and to adopt a new type of wisecrack which varies from the "Maisie" characterizations for which she has become famous.

Adolphe Menjou in "Road Show" at New Empire.

A splendid cast of comedians support Miss Sothern in featured roles of the production. As her leading man is Ian Hunter who adds another to his long list of dependable performances. As the nervous airplane magnate, Roland Young leaves nothing to be desired in his interpretation. Billie Burke is excellent as usual and Reginald Gardiner plays a slightly unbalanced gentleman with gusto.

"ROAD SHOW" AT NEW EMPIRE

New Hal Roach Comedy With Adolphe Menjou As Star

Hal Roach's new all-laugh comedy, "Road Show", is being shown at New Empire from today. It has proved to be one of the gayest and liveliest pictures to come out of Hollywood this season. Based on the best-seller of the same name by Eric Hatch, the story of "Road Show" lends itself to brilliant screen treatment because it has high comedy situations, exciting romance, fine background settings and human interest appeal. Mr. Roach, who both produced and directed the picture, has always been famous for his comedy touch and he proves once again that he is a master in this picture field.

"Road Show" clicks as smart comedy because it is played by a fine cast which includes such Hollywood luminaries as Adolphe Menjou, Carole Landis, John Hubbard, Patsy Kelly, George E. Stone, Charles Butterworth, Polly Ann Young and Margaret Roach. It has the added distinction of introducing for the first time on the screen the famous radio team of the Charioteers, who make their screen debut singing a group of Hoagy Carmichael tunes written especially for the picture.

"Road Show", which is being released through United Artists, belongs on the top of the list of comedy hits of the current season.

WUTHERING HEIGHTS AT BROADWAY.

With Merle Oberon and Laurence Olivier heading a cast of prominent players, Samuel Goldwyn's most important and most outstanding production to date, "Wuthering Heights," will be shown to-day at Broadway.

SUNDAY SHOW AT REGAL.

On Sunday Morning, at 10-30 "The Metropolitan" starring Lawrence Tibbet will be screened at Regal Theatre.

Mahasabha And Direct Action

Activities Suspended Following Viceroy's Reply To Savarkar

PATNA, April 3.

In view of the communications said to have been received from the Viceroy over the points raised by Mr. V. D. Savarkar, President of the All-India Hindu Mahasabha, Dr. Moonje is understood to have counselled the provincial units of the Hindu Mahasabha to suspend temporarily their activities in connection with the contemplated direct action movement.

The Bihar Provincial Hindu Mahasabha accordingly are suspending their activities in that direction till further instructions.—A. P.

POONA MILL WORKERS ON STRIKE

POONA, April 3.

Over 400 workers of the Raja Bahadur Mill out of a total of 600 are on strike since yesterday in connection with dearness allowance.

It is stated that the workers applied to the management in July 1940 for a dearness allowance of annas two per worker per day which the management is said to have accepted to take effect from the first March, 1941.

It appears that the management has since taken a decision to pay a reduced rate of anna one per day per worker. Dissatisfied with this, the workers have gone on strike since yesterday. The working of the mill has been temporarily suspended.—A. P.

STRATEGIC SITUATION IN THE PACIFIC

(Continued from page 6)

warships and airships, airfields and stores of preserved food.

The fortified islands are, above all else, hopping stations for long-range aircraft, and the long chain of United States bases which I have described are the principal means by which the United States air force and, to a certain extent, the navy protect the trade of the country and its general interests in the Pacific.

This partial view of the map leads to the conclusion that these American bases are defensive rather than offensive. It will be noticed that the main line of fortified islands does not run in the direction of Japan but straight across towards the coast of French Indo-China and the Dutch East Indies.

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And America makes no secret of her interest in the integrity of these Dutch possessions. The chain terminates at Manila, which is so much the most important that it may be described as a big locket at the end of the chain, the other minor bases forming the links. And Manila covers the Dutch East Indies from the north, while Singapore lies on the western flank and Australia lies south and south-east.

Just one final word about Singapore itself. I have spoken of it as being on the mainland, but it is also actually on an island, at the toe of the long Malay peninsula, and is linked to Johore by a causeway. The naval base lies on the north side in the Strait of Johore on the opposite side to the city of Singapore itself. The work on this base was begun in 1923, suspended by Mr. Ramsay Macdonald the year after, and resumed when a Conservative Government returned to power. Its loading dock will take ships up to 50,000 tons. The most modern and powerful field artillery has been installed for defence, and the fortifications are the last word in military science.

As you know, we sent there not long ago a senior Royal Air Force officer, Air Marshal Sir Robert Brooke-Popham, as Commander-in-Chief in the Far East. The Senior General Staff officer is Major-General Dewey.

Such is the general situation in the Pacific and South-Eastern Asia. Though the United States is not at war while we are, the objects of the two countries are more or less similar. We threaten no one. Our objects are defensive, that is to maintain our trade and other interests and to insure the integrity of the Dutch East Indies.

Once before in British history, during the Napoleonic wars, we had a similar responsibility for the Dutch East Indies. We defeated the French forces, but we did not hang on to those valuable islands. When peace came, they were handed back to Holland. Some people, who may have had a bit of the Nazi mentality in them, said at the time, "Isn't it rather a risk, handing them back to a small power like Holland? Wouldn't it be safer if we looked after them after all the fighting we have done to preserve them and all the workmen like Stamford Raffles have put into them?"

Well those arguments were brushed aside, and I am sure rightly; though we should have had the excuse that many Dutch troops under Dutch generals had actually fought for the French.

To-day, I am absolutely sure, we shall do our best to see that these old Dutch possessions maintain their integrity and that after the war they shall be rejoined to Holland through the links of the Queen of the Netherlands and the Dutch Government, their present and rightful rulers.

In order to study the Dolapalki problem of Harijans in Garhwal Mr. A. V. Thakkar of All India Harijan Sewak Sangha and Mrs. Rameshwari Nehru, it is understood, are paying a fortnight's visit to Garhwal district from May 7 to May 21.

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Arrested Speaker Had No Intention Of Offering Satyagraha

TANDON TO CONTINUE IN OFFICE? CARRIES UNFINISHED GOVT. FILES TO JAIL

(From Our Correspondent.)

ALLAHABAD, April 3.

SJT. PURUSHOTAMDAS TANDON SPEAKER OF THE U. P. ASSEMBLY WHO WAS ARRESTED YESTERDAY HAD NOT GIVEN ANY NOTICE FOR SATYAGRAHA. IN FACT SJT. TANDON WAS KEEPING BAD HEALTH SO HE HAD NO INTENTION TO OFFER SATYAGRAHA. YET HE WAS ARRESTED UNDER THE DEFENCE OF INDIA RULES FOR DETENTION IN JAIL.

THIS ARREST CAUSED SOME SPECULATION REGARDING THE POLICY OF THE GOVERNMENT.

It is reported the office of the Provincial Congress Committee, Lucknow had been searched day before yesterday and Sjt. Tandon's arrest followed the search. These two incidents might be the result of some new policy or campaign of the provincial Government against Satyagraha movement.

Question is being asked whether Sjt. Tandon ceases to be the Speaker of the U. P. Assembly as a result of this arrest. He is the first Speaker arrested for detention. It has been Tandon's view that Speaker could not be removed from his office except by the Assembly which appointed him. Sjt. Tandon will therefore continue to be the Speaker of the Assembly even in jail according to this interpretation of law. He has taken with him a few Government files to jail. He could not dispose of these files before his arrest. His stenographer, orderlies and Government car will remain at Allahabad pending orders from Government.

HANDCUFFS FOR SATYAGRAHIS

(From Our Correspondent.)

ALLAHABAD, April 3.

Eighty-four persons sent Satyagraha notices to the District Magistrate. Shiobalakram, a villager Satyagrahi who took these notices to the Superintendent of Police was arrested.

Three village Satyagrahis have been brought here under arrest with handcuffs.

VILLAGE SATYAGRAHI ARRESTED.

ALLAHABAD, April 3.

Sheo Balak Ram, a village Satyagrahi. has been arrested for delivering an anti-war speech.

The following Satyagrahis have been arrested and convicted:—

Mahavir Singh: one year's R. I. and a fine of Rs. 25.

Madan Mohan: one year's R. I. and a fine of Rs. 200.

Three other village Congress workers have been brought here under arrest.—A. P.

52 Congressmen Give Intimation

BENARES, April 3

Fiftytwo Congressmen including Mr. Damodardas Shah, ex-Chairman of the Rural Development Board have given notice to the District Magistrate of their intention to offer Satyagraha on April 5 which is the last date to complete the third list of Satyagrahis. —A. P.

Kunwar Brijesh Singh Arrested

LUCKNOW, April 5.

Kunwar Brijesh Singh of Kalakankar was arrested yesterday at his Lucknow residence by the local police. He has been detained under the Defence of India Rules.

His house was also searched by the police but nothing incriminating is said to have been found.

Consequent on the arrest of Kunwar Brajesh Singh, the U. P. Millowners' Conference scheduled for April 12 and 13 has been postponed, announces the General Secretary of the Millowners' Association, U. P.

A meeting of the Association will be held at Lucknow on April 7 to elect another Chairman of the Reception Committee in place of Kunwar Brajesh Singh. Meanwhile, the General Secretary has requested the Millowners to organise themselves and put up a united demand.—A. P.

3 SATYAGRAHIS ARRESTED IN VILLAGES

DEHRA DUN, April 3.

The following are arrests and convictions in connection with Satyagraha:—

Shrimati Umadevi was arrested yesterday at Doonga village for offering Satyagraha. M. Ramasaranvas, President Oujrara Congress Committee, and Shersingh, Chief of volunteers, where arrested to-day for Satyagraha in Danda and Birasi villages, respectively.

Madhoram was sentenced to one year's S. I. and Rs. 100 fine, in default, three months' more. Kiranchandra was awarded 18 months' R. I. and Rs. 100 fine, in default, three months more, and Babu Ram 18 months' R. I.—A. P.

GORAKHPUR, April 2.

The following Congress workers of the city were arrested yesterday in connection with the Satyagraha movement:—

Messrs. Shayamacharan Shastri, Bhrigunath Chaturvedi, Hari Shanker Gupta. Ram Pati Singh, Ram Oudh Singh, Suraj Narain Misra, Hari Das Varma, and Satyadeo C. Vidyarthi.

The residence of Mr. Shyama-Charan Shastri and the Khadi Bhandar were searched by the police.—A. P.

OVER RS. 25,000 PAID IN FINES

(From Our Correspondent)

NAGPUR, April 3

The fine imposed on Satyagrahis in C.P. and Berar since the starting of Satyagraha movement exceed Rs. 26,000.

The maximum amount of fine imposed on one individual Satyagrahi is Rs. 3,000 Mr. V. M. Jakatdar. M.L.A., who offered Satyagraha was fined successively for five times, the total fine amounting to Rs. 3,000. He was sentenced to 6 months' R.I. on offering Satyagraha for the sixth time. Out of the sum of Rs. 25,000 the Government has been able to realise over Rs. 18,000 so far.

About 30 Satyagrahis who were released from jails after completing their terms of imprisonment, again offered Satyagraha. Some of them were arrested and the remaining are proceeding towards Delhi, offering Satyagraha en-route.

About five Satyagrahis who have undergone imprisonment twice in connection with the Satyagraha movement and released have offered Satyagraha for the third time.

WARDHA, April 3

Mr. Wamanrao of Arvi Taluka was fined Rs 50 for offering Satyagraha a third time.—A. P.

Bar Association President Jailed

JULLUNDUR, April 3.

Lala Poornanand, President of the Phillaur Bar Association, who was arrested yesterday at Noormahal for offering Satyagraha, has been sentenced to one year's rigorous imprisonment and fined Rs. 500 in default six months' further imprisonment.

Om Parkash, another Satyagrahi, was sentenced to one year's imprisonment and fined Rs. 300 in default six months' further imprisonment.

SARGODHA, April 3.

Mangal Dev Kapur of Bhera and Mitarsain of Shahpur, Congress Workers, have been sentenced to one and a half years' rigorous imprisonment each under the Defence Rules.—A. P.

Maulana Wadeyar Jailed

MADRAS, April 3.

Following further Satyagraha convictions have been reported from the districts:—

Mr. S. A. Sesha Iyer, Chairman, Palni Municipal Council, was sentenced to four months' R. I. and a fine of Rs. 150. Mr. R. Rami Reddi, Member, Kurnool District Board, was sentenced to three months' R. I. and a fine of Rs. 150 in default further two months' R. I.

Mr. Sura Rami Reddi, Member, Madras University Senate, Nadyal, was sentenced to four months' R. I. and a fine of Rs. 200 in default further two months' R. I.

Maulana F. H. Wadeyar of Mangalore was sentenced to three months' rigorous imprisonment.—A. P.

Charkas In Bar-Room

(From Our Correspondent)

NAGPUR, April 3.

The bar-room of Chhindwara is now humming with plying of charkhas by some of the prominent members of the bar.

This has created good impression on the general public and particularly on clients.

PLANTER GETS YEAR'S JAIL AND FINE

COONOOR, April 2.

Mr. M. K. Bellie Gowder, President of the Nilgiri Taluk Congress Committee, and a prominent planter, was convicted by Mr. J. L. Wood, Joint First Class Magistrate, Coonoor, under the Defence of India Rules for his activities in connection with the Congress Satyagraha movement and sentenced to one year's rigorous imprisonment and a fine of Rs. 1,000, in default, further six months' R. I. He has been placed in "B" class.—A. P.

CHITTOOR MERCHANT JAILED

CHITTOOR, April 2.

Mr. Potti Alwar Chetty, a prominent merchant of Chittoor, who was recently sentenced to imprisonment till the rising of the Court and a fine of Rs. 500 for offering Satyagraha, again offered Satyagraha on Wednesday morning.

He was sentenced this time to six months' R. I. and a fine of Rs. 500 in default, further four months' R. I. by the Sub-Divisional Magistrate.—A. P.

MR. A. S. RAMAKRISHNAN JAILED

MADRAS, April 3.

Mr. A. S. Ramakrishnan, Secretary, Tiruvalteeswaranpet Congress Sabha, was convicted to-day by the Chief Presidency Magistrate under the Defence of India Rules and sentenced to one month's R.I. for shouting anti-war slogans in the city.—A. P.

TO QUIT CALCUTTA IN 48 HOURS

Mr. K. K. Chatterji Served With Order

CALCUTTA, April 3.

Mr. Krishna Kumar Chatterjee Assistant Secretary of the Suspended Bengal Provincial Congress Committee was served with an order under the Defence of India Rules this morning, directing him to quit the City of Calcutta and suburbs within 48 hours. Earlier, the police searched his residence and are reported to have seized some prejudicial literature.—A. P.

MRS. BIMAL DEVI ARRESTED

CALCUTTA, April 3.

Mrs. Bimal Pratibha Devi, an ex-detenue and prominent member of the Provincial Forward Bloc, has been taken in custody following the seizure of some alleged prejudicial leaflets and proscribed literature from her residence this morning.—A. P.

Mrs. Bimal Prativa Devi Remanded

CALCUTTA, April 3.

Mrs. Bimal Prativa Devi, who was arrested this morning under the Defence of India Rules was later placed before the Additional District Magistrate of Alipore who remanded her in jail custody till April 15.

It is alleged that on a search of her house the police found some proscribed and forfeited books and leaflets containing prejudicial reports.

An application for bail was rejected.

HOWRAH CONGRESS SECRETARY JAILED

Kalabaran Ghosh, Secretary of the Howrah District Congress Committee, was sentenced to-day by the District Magistrate of Howrah to seventeen months' rigorous imprisonment for possessing prejudicial leaflets.

CONVICTION UPHELD

CALCUTTA.—Mr. Justice Bartleyh and Mr. Justice Akram upheld the conviction and sentence of nine months' R. I. recently passed on Narendra Narayan Chakravarti, M.L.A., under the Defence of India Rules.

The allegation against the accused was that on July 2, 1940 at a public meeting at the Albert Hall, held in connection with the removal of the Holwell Monument, he delivered a speech in Bengali, which was likely to influence the public in a manner likely to be prejudicial to the defence of British India or to the efficient prosecution of the war. The accused pleaded not guilty to the charge. Against the decision of the Lower Court he preferred an appeal which has been dismissed by the High Court.

KHADILKER REMOVED TO HOSPITAL

POONA, April 3.

Mr. R. K. Khadilker, who was undergoing imprisonment at Yerwada jail for offering Satyagraha, has been, it is understood, removed by the Jail authorities to the Sasoon Hospital as he is said to be vomitting blood.—A. P.

MOHANLAL DESAI AND N. C. DALAL ARRESTED

Congress Workers Taken To Nasik And Thana

BOMBAY, Thursday.

Mr. Mohanlal M. Desai and Mr. N. C. Dalal, two Congress workers of the city, who had proposed to offer Satyagraha to-day were arrested at their respective homes in the early hours of this morning.

Mr. Desai was removed to Nasik and Mr. Dalal was taken to Thana.

The next batch of Satyagrahis will offer Satyagraha on Saturday.

JAIL FOR INDORE "SATYAGRAHIS"

INDORE, April 3.

Twenty-four 'Satyagrahis' who were arrested on March 28 and 29 for defying the Indore Government's ban on the Praja Mandal Annual session, were sentenced to one year's simple imprisonment each in the trial held at Mahidpur yesterday.

The accused did not participate in the trial.—United Press.

PUNJAB MERCHANTS PROTEST AGAINST MARKETING ACT

JULLUNDUR, April 2.

A meeting of the Jullundur Merchants Association held to-day passed a resolution calling upon the merchants, brokers and 'tollas' to discontinue speculative forward transactions and to settle immediately previous transactions and refuse to stock agricultural produce for the future, as a protest against the Punjab Marketing Act.

The resolution which vehemently criticizes the Punjab Marketing Act, further calls upon the merchants not to take licences under the terms of the Act and to remove all telephone connections within a fortnight from their premises.

No "satta" business was done today in the city.—A. P.

The Reserve Bank of India rate remains unchanged at three per cent. per annum.

Madame Chiang & Mrs. Pandit

Invitation To Visit China Officially On Behalf Of Congress

ALLAHABAD, April 3.

It is learnt that Madame Chiang Kai Shek has been in correspondence with Mrs. Vijaya Laxmi Pandit to persuade her to visit China officially on behalf of the Congress.

Mrs. Pandit is staying on at Allahabad at present and will be engaged in work connected with the management of the Kamala Nehru Memorial Hospital. She is the Secretary of the Local Committee of the Hospital.—A. P.

MRS. PANDIT FOR WARDHA

ALLAHABAD, April 3.

Mrs. Vijayalaxmi Pandit who was released yesterday afternoon from the Naini Jail will shortly proceed to Wardha to see Mahatma Gandhi. She will interview Mr. R. S. Pandit and Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru on April 8 in jail. According to the present plan, Mrs. Pandit will stay here till early May whereafter she will proceed to Almorah.

Asked about the health of Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, Mrs. Pandit stated that the Congress President looked tired, perhaps due to heat. Otherwise he was keeping good health. She revealed that Maulana Azad was much better after extraction of more teeth.—United Press.

Relief For Sukkur Riot Victims

KARACHI, April 3.

The Sind Government had granted relief to the victims of the Sukkur riots to the extent of Rs. 21,781 in seven months after the riots, and about 1,575 persons had received relief.

No relief was granted to families of persons convicted in riot cases but it was granted to the destitute families of the accused persons who were undertrial prisoners, stated Sir Ghulam Husain Hidayatullah, Home Minister, in the Sind Assembly.—A. P.

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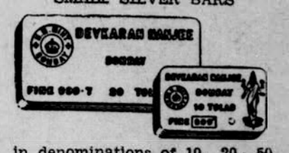
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Germany's Second Protest To U. S.

Envoy In Washington Alleges Violation Of Treaty Of Friendship

WASHINGTON, April 3.

Germany is reported to have sent a second protest to the United States in connection with the seizure of Axis ships.

In the second note the German Ambassador alleges that the entire crew of the steam ship, "Pauline Frederick," are being held in Boston "under conditions to which members of the crew cannot be expected to submit."

He points out also that the United States flag has been run on the motorship, "Zaracuna". The Ambassador declares this is violation of the treaty of friendship, commerce and insular rights between Germany and the United States.

He demands that the United States shall return the ships to their rightful owners; secondly, restore the captain's authority over the vessels immediately, thirdly, release the crews and permit them to return to their ship; and fourthly remove the United States flag from "Zaracuna" and restore the ship's right to fly the flag of their country.

The right of the United States under international law to requisition the 28 Italian. two German and 39 Danish ships, of which the authorities took charge on Sunday has been maintained by Prof. Goodhart, an authority on international law broadcasting tonight in the B.B.C. home news.

Under international law every nation has the right, if it is in presuming need of ships, he said, to requisition foreign vessels in its territorial waters subject to payment of fair compensation.

U. S.-MEXICAN DEFENCE COLLABORATION

United States-Mexican Collaboration for the defence of the western hemisphere is visualised in a message sent by President Roosevelt to-day to the Senate asking it to ratify the new agreement between the United States and Mexico for reciprocal use of air fields belonging to each nation which was signed here yesterday.

President Roosevelt says that the agreement has been concluded in view of the exceptional circumstances which have arisen from the present European conflict "and takes into consideration the necessity of ensuring conditions of maximum speed for the movements of aviation required in the defence of the American continent. Its purpose is to organise substantial and efficient collaboration between the United States and Mexico in the preparations for the defence of the Western Hemisphere."

Brazil has added to the number of notes passing between American republics and Germany. She has sent a note protesting against the bombing attack made on the Brazilian merchantship, "Taubate," off Alexandria ten days ago.

The "Taubate" though clearly marked with the Brazilian flag was bombed and machine-gunned for 70 minutes. One of the crew was killed and 12 injured. The ship's lifeboats were smashed and the vessel's superstructure badly damaged. The note claims full compensation.

No Public Holiday On Good Friday

LONDON, April 3.

Good Friday will not be a public holiday in Britain this year. Banks will remain open but will close on Easter Monday. Football clubs too have received advice from Football Associations that matches should not be arranged at any time on Good Friday.—Reuter.

Dr. Collaco Elected City Mayor

Mathuradas Tricumjee Receives Chorus Of Tributes

The result of the ballot to the Bombay Mayoralty—41 voting for Dr. J. A. Collaco and 41 for Dr. Alban De Souza—came as a bolt from the blue to the Bombay Municipal Congress Party on Thursday.

Ten minutes before the election took place in the Corporation Hall, the members of the Federated Group retired to an adjoining room and decided, it appears, to vote for Dr. Collaco, the Congress nominee being Dr. Alban De Souza.

Thirty-seven members of the Congress Party were present. The depleted Federated Groups' strength was estimated at 23, and the Independents were put at 25.

The Congress Party banked upon the support of the Independents, a considerable number of whom had sympathetic leanings towards the Congress Party.

An indication of the uncertainty of the winning of Congress nominee was understood to have been given at the Party's meeting on Wednesday night. The Federated Group, on the other hand, marshalled all its forces. Sir H. P. Mody was also present.

Before the result of the election was announced, the whole House was on tenter-hooks. Both the candidates occupied back seats. During the short period when counting was taking place, taunts and gibes, speculating flings and forecasts filled the air.

Some members of the Federated Group twitted at Dr. Alban De Souza that he had moved two seats away from his usual seat to the left on the Congress side.

When ultimately the result was announced, it was greeted with a tornado of cheers from the Federated Group and some Independent members.

It is likely that attempts will be made to plug the holes in the Congress Party.

Mr. Mathooradas Tricumji occupied the chair and the Mayoral election was proceeded with. Half an hour was given for ballotting. After half an hour when counting of the votes began by the Mayor there was a great excitement and feeling was tense. Within 15 minutes Mr. Mathooradas Tricumji announced the result which was as under: Dr. J. A. Collaco 41 votes. Dr. Alban De'Souza 41 votes.

The announcement was received with thundering cheers and Dr. Collaco after occupying the Chair thanked the Councillors for voting him to the Mayoral Chair and requested them to support him.

Mrs. Lilavati Munshi was also present in the Corporation Hall to record her vote.

NEW MAYOR SPEAKS

Feeling grateful to the honour conferred on him, the new Mayor said that he would try to the best of his ability to keep the scales even. It had been said that the chair belonged to no party; but he would vary the phrase and say that he belonged to all parties, so that he could carry on the work expeditiously and efficiently.

After referring to the financial problem which confronted the Corporation during the ensuing year, he hoped and prayed "that during my time, there will be peace in the house, peace in the city, peace in the country and peace abroad."

THANKS TO RETIRING MAYOR

Mr. Motichand Kapadia, the leader of the Congress Party, moved the following resolution:

That the Corporation desire to convey their best thanks to Mr. Mathuradas Tricumjee, for the very valuable services rendered by him as the Mayor of Bombay for 1940-41 and place on record their high appreciation of the zeal, ability, courtesy and tact with which he discharged the onerous duties of the office."

Mr. Kapadia, speaking on the resolution, recalled instances of his absolute impartiality. On three occasions, the proposals he moved as the Chairman of the Law, Revenue and General Purposes Committee, were ruled out of order by the Mayor. He had also seen several members not belonging to the Congress Party showing their propositions to the Mayor before they were moved and Mr. Mathuradas Tricumji took great interest and special care to touch them up and put them in order. He was amenable to one and all and thoroughly impartial.

Mr. R. S. Nimbkar seconding the proposal recalled the work done by him when the Bombay Provincial Congress Committee was founded. He stated that Mr. Mathuradas Tricumji, as Mayor, carried his office with dignity and fairness.

Prof. R. S. Davar stated that Mr. Tricumji, though a Congressman and staunch Congressman at that, forgot his label, when he occupied the Mayoral chair.

Mr. M. N. Talpade struck a note of discord by stating that the retiring Mayor did not act promptly when a terrific cyclone struck the city and when no resolutions had been passed, expressing sympathy for the death of Mr. Chamberlain, the British Premier, and when the Buckingham Palace was bombed.

"JUST LIKE GANDHIJI"

Mr. B. N. Karanjia could swear and say that as a Mayor, Mr. Mathuradas had done his duty well. Under circumstances of grave provocation, he showed tolerance and like Gandhiji always tried to please the other side and the minorities.

Mr. K. Subramaniam felt that if the retiring Mayor was ever partial, he was so to the other side. He sometimes strongly felt that he was partial to the members of the Opposition, in spite of their being discourteous to him.

Mr. M. I. Rowjee said that Mr. Mathuradas Tricumjee was a successful Mayor.

CHARGES REFUTED

Adverting to the charges levelled by Mr. Talpade, Mr. Gordhandas Morarji, supporting the resolution, said that they were totally baseless.

Mr. Mathuradas Tricumjee had always acted within the four corners of the Municipal Act and kept up the high traditions of the office. He might have incurred the displeasure of some of his friends by some of his rulings, but it had to be admitted that he had created precedents which would be a guide to Mayors in future.

COMMISSIONER'S TRIBUTE

Joining in the chorus of praise, Mr. M. D. Bhat, the Municipal Commissioner, stated that the traditions of the office were well maintained by Mr. Mathuradas Tricumjee. In a Corporation of 117 members of diverse views and different temperaments, it was arduous and taxing to maintain order and hold the scales even. Occasions would arise when the Mayor or the presiding authority would feel the necessity of putting his hand down on the kerb and decide questions on the spur of the moment, and rulings given on such occasions were certain to be criticised and misunderstood, however impartial they might be.

In conducting the business of the House, the Commissioner added, Mr. Mathuradas Tricumjee had intimate knowledge of law and procedure, which greatly helped him. His contact with the retiring Mayor had brought him the knowledge that he (Mr. Mathuradas Tricumjee) had essentially a legal brain and with his legal knowledge, he would have shone in the legal career. He thanked him for his advice and co-operation.

Messrs. Gole, Cooverji Shah, Vithaldas Chapsey, T. R. Narvane and Mrs. Malinibai Suktankar and others associated themselves with the sentiments expressed in the House.

Dr. Collaco, the new Mayor, also associating himself with the sentiments, said that Mr. Mathuradas Tricumjee as the Mayor had beaten some of them, with Assembly experience, hollow in some of his rulings which, though revolutionary, were correct.

MATHURADAS REPLIES

After the resolution was carried "nem con", Mr. Mathuradas Tricumjee felt satisfied in view of the fact that no flaw in his career as a Mayor had been found. After replying to the charges made by Mr. Talpade, he said that the duty of the Mayor was only to conduct the business of the House and there was no room for initiative. Recalling the absence of some of the members of the Corporation to a tea-party given by him, as a Mayor, he said that if those members had attended the tea-party and created a disturbance or showed discourtesy to him, he would have felt less. He pleaded and pleaded with those members to attend the tea-party, so that the congeniality and the basic unity of the Corporation might be maintained. His conscience was, however, clear and after self-analysing, he could say that he had done his duty to the best of his ability, in consonance with the high traditions of the office and with his beliefs in promptness, enactness and honesty.

Mr. Talpade walked away after he made his speech. Most of the members of the Federated Group were conspicuous by their absence during the discussion of Mr. Kapadia's resolution.

The meeting was then adjourned till Monday.

Dr. J. A. Collaco who was elected Mayor of Bombay for the current year is seen addressing the councillors after election.

Big Nazi Plan To Break Solidarity Of New World

Notorious German Plotter Arrives In Chile To Stir Up South America's Hostility To U. S.

NEW YORK, April 3.

VON RIETH WHO AS FORMER GERMAN MINISTER IN VIENNA TOOK AN ACTIVE PART IN THE ABORTIVE REVOLT AGAINST CHANCELLOR DOLLFUSS IN 1934, RECENTLY ARRIVED IN SOUTH AMERICA AND IS NOW IN CHILE, IT IS LEARNED FROM CIRCLES HERE IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH EVENTS IN LATIN AMERICA.

Accompanied by General Niedenfuhr, the South American specialist of German Secret Service, he is understood to be making it his special business to stir up hostility to the United States in the southern hemisphere.

Von Rieth has already made himself conspicuous through his activities in Argentine where, with the active help of the local German and Italian fifth columnists, he tried to play up the nationalist feeling of Argentinians against the United States and Great Britain.

It will be recalled that in the first abortive attempt to destroy the unity of Austria, Von Rieth conspired with Von Rintelen, the then Austrian Minister in Rome, against Chancellor Dollfuss.

Head Of Fifth Columns

When on July 25, 1934, Nazi fifth columnists dressed as policemen and members of the Austrian armed forces stormed the chancellery and shot Dr. Dollfuss. Von Rieth appeared in front of the Prime Minister's Headquarters and openly negotiated on behalf of the insurgents with Doctor Fey, the Minister for Interior. He suggested that the revolt should be called off (it, in the meantime, had failed in the provinces) on condition that the Austrian Government assured safe conduct to the Chancellor's murderer for whom Von Rieth had promised sanctuary in Germany.

The offer was rejected by President Miklas, who said that it was extraordinary for a diplomatic representative of a friendly neighbouring state to act as a parliamentarian on behalf of men who had just killed the Prime Minister of the country to which he was accredited.

As the revolt had failed in any case, Von Rieth was recalled immediately by Hitler who disclaimed responsibility for the uprising. Since then, little has been heard of Von Rieth who, however, appears to have been head of the Special Section of the German Foreign Office in charge of fifth columns where he enjoyed the high rank of Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs.—Reuter.

Was Nazi Freighter Escorted By Japanese Destroyers?

Italian Liner Preparing To Make Dash For Kobe; Will Be Fitted Out As Raider

SHANGHAI, April 3.

Unusual activity on Wednesday aboard the palatial 8,000 ton Italian Liner, "Conte Verde", led to a report that she may soon follow the example of the German freighter, "Zramses" and make a dash to Kobe where, it is rumoured, she is to be fitted out as a raider.

The liner could be seen taking water and fuel and apparently making her preparations for an early sailing.

Unconfirmed reports have been received that the "Zramses" when she left suddenly a few days ago, was met outside Woosing by two Japanese destroyers which escorted her to Japan.—Reuter.

BRITISH FAR EASTERN C.-IN-C. IN MANILA

Will Exchange Views With U. S. Authorities

SHANGHAI, April 3.

Sir Robert Brooke-Popham, Commander-in-Chief in the Far East arrived in Manila, Philippines, by air from Singapore on Wednesday, states a Manila dispatch.

The visit is understood to be unofficial, but he will probably have private exchange of views with United States service authorities. He leaves for Hongkong on Friday.—Reuter.

LIAQUAT ALI KHAN FOR BOMBAY

League Conference Open Session On Sunday

NEW DELHI, April 3.

Nawabzada Liaquat Ali Khan, President-elect, Bombay Provincial League Conference, leaves Delhi for Bombay to-morrow night.

The first open session of the Conference will commence from 9 P.M. on Sunday.—A. P.

Security Deposited By "Telegraph Basumati"

CALCUTTA, April 3.

A sum of Rs. 1,000 as security was deposited to-day in the court of the Chief Presidency Magistrate by Mr. Sashi Bhusan Dutta for the publication of a new vernacular daily called "Telegraph Basumati."

Permission was granted yesterday by the Magistrate to Mr. Dutta to take a declaration for the publication of the paper.—A. P.

The Half-Column By "Dim"

His Holiness the Pope has given Mr. Matsuoka a gold medal. For the Trinket fund for the R.A.F.? Or the Japanese Navy?

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The 8-Flag Ball was a riotous orgy of sentiment. Perhaps at heart we are all little bourgeois people who like colour and melodrama and still dab our handkerchieves to our eyes at the appropriate moment. The show was held by the Allies in aid of the R. A. F. The feature of the evening was the march past of the girls with the various flags to the accompaniment of the respective national anthems. This was arranged by Miss Phoebe Vacqueray who got a great cheer as she hoisted the Greek Flag. All that was very effective and dramatic, but I felt a trifle sad for the representatives of the fallen nations to have their defeat so obviously rubbed into them. It was otherwise a most popular function.

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Someone told me that either Pat or Nan or both (from the Taj cabaret) were not really working professionally at the Taj but that they gave their earnings to the War Fund. If this is so it is a most commendable effort.

Charlie Chan Detective Story Day By Day

ACTION AT ANY PRICE

BANANA BOAT MYSTERY

KIDNAPED WITH CHARLIE, GINA AND KIRK, AND DROPPED FROM HIS PLANE IN A PARACHUTE, J.C. KORNWELLER IS PICKED UP BY A PASSING STEAMER AND GIVEN DRY CLOTHES...
Alfred Andriola
12-4
YOU SAY TWO MEN KIDNAPED CHARLIE CHAN AND HIS FRIENDS? IT'S INCREDIBLE!
YES! NOW YOU MUST GO QUICK AND SAVE THEM!
BUT I CAN'T! THIS SHIP IS BOUND FOR SAN FRANCISCO!
FORGET SAN FRANCISCO! I WANT YOU SHOULD SAVE CHARLIE, KIRK AND GINA BEFORE IT IS TOO LATE!
IMPOSSIBLE! IT WOULD COST MY OWNERS THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS!
MONEY, IS IT? VOT DO I CARE FOR MONEY WHEN MY FRIENDS ARE IN DANGER—
—I BUY YOUR SHIP! ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND— TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND— ONLY I WANT YOU SHOULD GO FIND THEM NOW!
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